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Twin Lakes Resort/Gonyea Siding Application Approved

By Liz Danielsen

After months of negotiating and narrowly avoiding a touchy Ontario Municipal Board hearing, the Minden Hills Council has finally decided to approve the continuation of Gonyea's siding business at the Twin Lakes Resort location.

This application has been on the books for months and has proved to be somewhat problematic, primarily because the business was not qualified as a recreational commercial use normally allowed on waterfront properties. To further confuse the decision making process, the municipality's previous Chief Building Official gave his blessing to the development, despite the fact that he appeared to have had full knowledge of the details of the application.

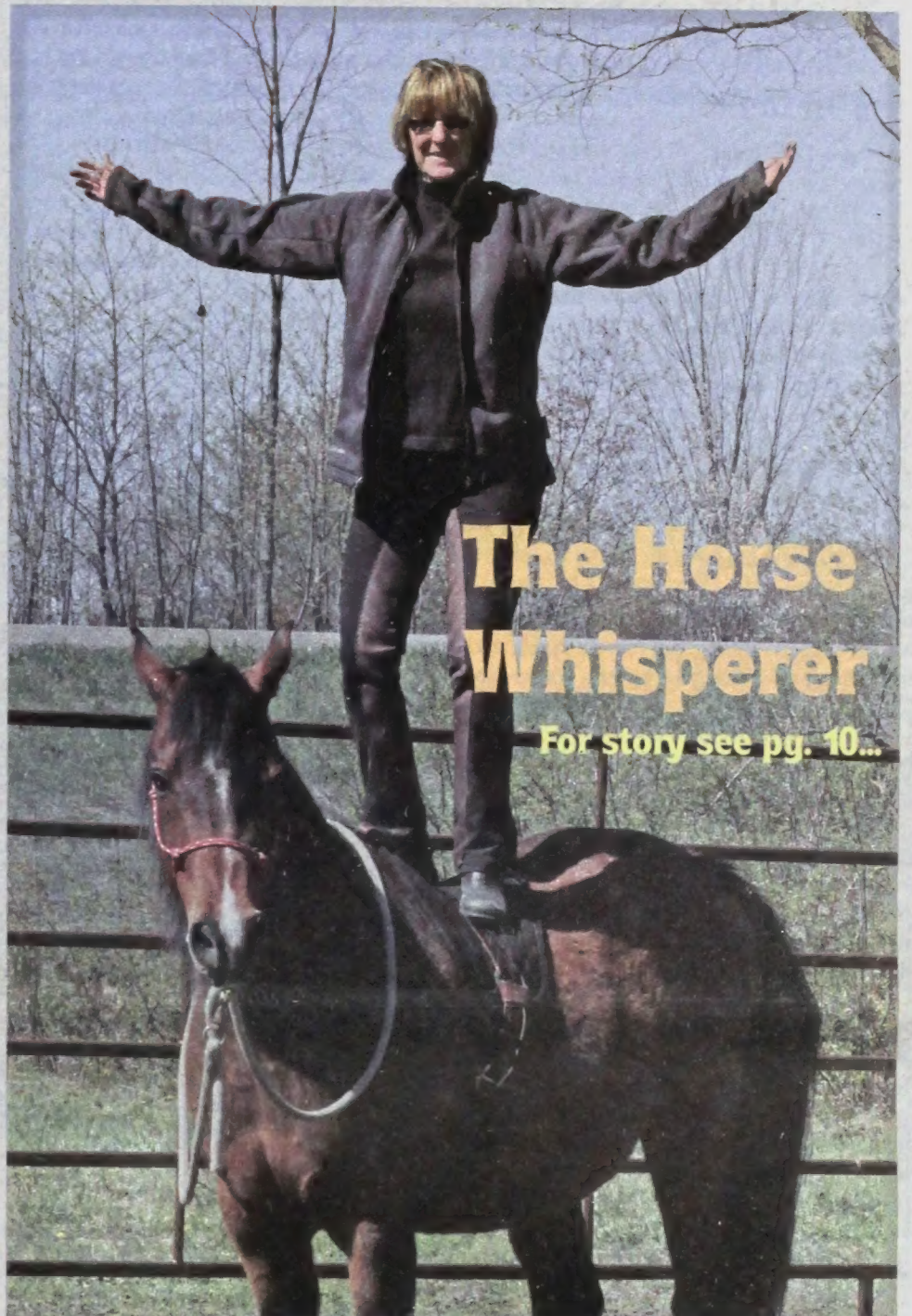
On April the 8th, Reeve Jim McMahon said, "Our people knew exactly what happened. They issued the permits and when it came time for the final inspection (Gonyea) was told he couldn't be there. If this goes to the OMB, it will be blown out of the water. We will look stupid and it will be costly. Meanwhile, we will be closing down a local business and putting people out of jobs."

During that particular Committee of the Whole meeting, Council ultimately decided to turn the application down, despite reservations by McMahon and Councillor Barb Reid, who strongly voiced her wish to find a solution that would allow the business to remain in place.

It had long been Reid's desire to hold off making any decision on the application until the lake community returned and could be polled to determine if they had objections to the business continuing on site. However, Councillor Peter Oyler was adamant that two wrongs would not make a right.

He said, "I'm willing to bet that folks on 12 Mile and Mountain Lake would say they do not want this type of development on their or any lake. This goes beyond any accessory use. If it goes

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The Horse Whisperer

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County Purchases Walker Property on Highway 35

Potential New EMS Base for Minden

As a result of a closed session debate, the County of Haliburton has agreed to proceed with the purchase of a parcel of land on Highway 35 in Minden Hills, known as the Walker Garage. As things stand right now, the property has been acquired from Elsie Walker in anticipation of the development of a new EMS base.

While Warden Dave Burton was quick to say that nothing was cast in stone about developing the property, he also said, "I'm very pleased that we have finally taken steps to secure the land for future development."

According to Burton and EMS Director Pat Kennedy, the EMS department has been actively searching for a suitable property to replace their rental base in downtown Minden for some time. Several offers have been made on properties in the area in the past, but for one reason or another, had fallen through.

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Studio Owner Takes Exception to Neighbour's Complaints

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

"You've only heard one side of the story and I'm here to defend myself."

Tom Green, owner of Glass Eagle Studios on Blairhampton Road in Minden is not a happy man, and he didn't hesitate to tell the Minden Hills Council how he felt. Green attended the April 29th Council meeting to respond to comments made to Council by his neighbour Gary Warburton that his studio property was unkempt and that Green was 'the neighbour from hell.'

Green said, "You've only heard one side of the story and I'm here to defend myself."

Green said that he'd moved to the area about nine years ago to become part of the arts community. He spoke affectionately about his home and gallery, which he said was the second oldest schoolhouse in Minden Hills. Just as Warburton had provided photographs, Green too provided pictures of the property taken both before he moved in and recently. "I have had training in horticulture and landscaping and

I have taken the property, spent hours of work on it and done nothing but add to it."

Contrary to Warburton's comments that Green's property seriously reduced the value of his property, Green said that according to his own real estate agent, the work he has put into the property has done nothing but increase the value. "Perhaps Mr. Warburton should hire a landscaper and make some improvements to his own property."

Green denied operating a 'flea market' on his property and said that the only activities he involved himself in were the annual Tour de Forest and other studio tours. He acknowledged that he invited two guest artists to set up on his property during the Tour de Forest and admitted that during those times there was a considerable amount of traffic.

In response to Warburton's assertion that he had 'pink penguins' on his property, Green showed a photograph of a lone pink flamingo, but he also provided shots of Warburton's property where he said there was an abundance of plastic birds and animals.

Green said, "We don't get a lot of people at the studio year round, as we're only open six months of the year. I travel the rest of the time, bragging up Minden Hills."

As to piling junk against the fence, Green said, "That's not true. There's nothing there." He said that Warburton had been harassing him and had complained about him numerous times. "The by-law officer comes out each time and that is very upsetting. But Warburton growls at everyone. He has asked everyone to have a look, and I would welcome you to do the same. Mr. Warburton's statements are unbecoming of him."

Green referred to several statements made about him by Warburton which had been included in a County Voice article, and referred to an article in the same issue (April 15th) about bullying, confronting the issue and acknowledging that the problem exists. He said, "My neighbour is a bully and his behaviour is cowardly."

At this point, Councillor Peter Oyler made what he called a procedural point, in that Green should be dealing with municipal issues, not personalities. However, Green took exception to that, commenting that Council had listened to personal comments made by Warburton and he should be afforded the same courtesy. Reeve Jim McMahon advised Green that Council had a staff report on the matter that they would address later in the meeting.

The report, submitted by Chief Building Official Ken Jones stated that Green had cleaned the property to the extent that it conformed to the Clean and Clear By-law and that there were no by-law infractions with the exception of two larger than allowed signs which he felt should have grandfathered status. According to Green the two 3' x 6' signs had been in existence for nine years with no complaint and well before the by-law came into effect.

Councillor Barbara Reid asked Jones about the continuing number of complaints by Warburton and whether municipal staff was required to respond to every complaint. She said, "There seems to be a pattern here of a frequency of complaints with no violations."

Jones, however, said that staff was obligated to respond to every complaint. However, he added that if the situation continued the municipality would have to look at it from a different standpoint and he would bring it back to Council for further consideration.

Oyler questioned Jones on grandfathering the signs. He said, "The present owner (Green) has difficulties with signage whether it's on the county's road allowance or municipal road allowance. You are recommending something that is four times the size of what is permissible?"

Jones reconfirmed his position that the signs had been there since the business had started nine years ago, and while they exceeded the requirements of the by-law, it had not come into effect until 2006, and there had been no complaints (other than Warburton's.)

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch suggested that if the signs were ever replaced they would have to conform to the by-law at that time and Jones confirmed that was his interpretation of the situation.

Oyler then suggested that the issue of legal non-conforming uses relates primarily to buildings and not signs. Planner Heather Sadler confirmed that that was the typical way for a zoning by-law to be interpreted, but she saw no reason why the signs could not remain until they were replaced. She said, "There's really no right or wrong answer."

Oyler, visibly frustrated, said, "This sounds like a ping pong match."

Councillor Bill Obee disagreed with the idea of grandfathering signs that don't meet municipal requirements. He suggested preparing a sign by-law to resolve any outstanding concerns.

Sadler agreed that the zoning by-law was not the proper tool to deal with the issue, but Oyler argued that the zoning by-law specified the size of signs and therefore allowed Council to react. He said, "So

Council would be within their rights to follow the suggestion by Councillor Obee; to give an individual two or three months to comply with the by-law."

Reid said, "So is Mr. Jones to go around the municipality to ensure that everyone complies? Why zone in on this one situation?"

Oyler said, "We are not. We act on a reactive basis and most of the municipalities in Ontario act in the same fashion."

Reid, however, said, "I think there are personal issues at play here that I don't like. We should be objective and anything that predates the zoning by-law should be allowed to stay in place. I think that the Deputy Reeve has a good solution and we should leave the man alone."

Councillor Lisa Schell commented that the situation was reactive in nature, much the same as the 'clean and clear' by-law. "Would that suggest that no one has to clean their yard? I feel that now that we know, we should react."

Reid then asked why it had taken eight visits before the issue of signs had come up. "My antenna suggests that something else is at play here," she said.

Reeve Jim McMahon commented that the County had an issue with Green over signs on the county road. "I strongly feel that he would cooperate with meeting our criteria and I have no problem asking him to make his signs conform and take it from there. If he wants to challenge us on the basis of grandfathering, that's OK."

McMahon suggested contacting the county for further information on concerns raised over signs with Green. Murdoch commented that there was definitely a personality conflict that Council should not get into. "Whatever call we make should be from a business point of view or this will never go away."

It became apparent that this is a matter that hasn't yet been laid to rest as McMahon asked Council if the issue should be deferred and Council agreed. ■



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Fire Destroys Lutterworth Pines Home

Lutterworth Pines home owner Peter Luksic was quietly working on his yard late last Thursday afternoon when he heard a strange noise coming from his house. When he opened the front door to see what was going on he was met with a blast of flames, smoke, and super-hot air. He immediately ran to a neighbour's, called 911, and shortly afterwards some 21 Minden Hills firefighters arrived on the scene.

Fire Chief Doug Shell told the Voice, "It was too late to save the house, that's for sure. In fact the heat was so intense it managed to scorch the sides of two neighbouring houses. And then the wind started to blow sparks back into the bush, so we had a job finding and putting out a number of hot spots. In all it took us over three houses to contain the blaze, and secure the bush."

Shell estimates total damage to be around \$111,000. No cause has yet been determined, although since Mr. Luksic had not used his wood stove for four days, that possible explanation has been categorically ruled out. ■

THURSDAY



Partly cloudy

▲ 14° ▼ 1°

FRIDAY



Chance of showers and thunderstorms

▲ 16° ▼ 5°

SATURDAY



Mostly cloudy, chance of showers

▲ 11° ▼ 2°

SUNDAY



Isolated showers early, then partly cloudy

▲ 11° ▼ 0°

MONDAY



Mostly sunny

▲ 13° ▼ 2°

TUESDAY



Rain and isolated thunderstorms

▲ 16° ▼ 5°

WEDNESDAY



Chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms

▲ 17° ▼ 6°

AROUND THE REGION: A storm system may produce a few isolated showers early Thursday; otherwise skies will be partly cloudy. Another storm system looks to produce scattered showers and thunderstorms Friday, with more wet weather expected Saturday. Skies look to become partly cloudy Sunday.

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City	Today Hi/Low/Otk	Friday Hi/Low/Otk	Saturday Hi/Low/Otk	City	Today Hi/Low/Otk	Friday Hi/Low/Otk	Saturday Hi/Low/Otk
Acapulco	30/22/pc	30/21/pc	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	30/26/ts	31/26/pc	32/27/su
Antigua	31/25/ts	30/25/pc	31/26/su	Nassau	29/23/pc	29/23/pc	31/28/sh
Barbados	31/26/pc	32/27/pc	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	33/25/ts	33/26/pc	33/26/cl
Bermuda	24/19/sh	24/19/pc	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	28/19/su	29/19/su	28/20/su
Cancun	31/26/pc	32/26/pc	31/25/pc	St Thomas	31/26/pc	31/26/ts	31/26/pc
Curacao	33/27/pc	34/27/pc	28/27/ts	St. Maarten	31/26/ts	30/26/ts	31/26/ts
Freeport	27/22/ts	28/22/pc	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	28/22/ts	29/22/ts	31/21/ra
Georgetown	31/25/ts	31/24/pc	28/23/ts	San Juan	31/25/su	31/25/ts	31/25/pc
Havana	31/23/ts	32/24/pc	34/24/su	San Salvador	32/23/ts	33/23/ts	32/22/su
Key West	28/23/ts	28/23/pc	29/24/pc	Santo Domingo	32/23/pc	33/24/pc	33/26/su
Kingston	31/26/ts	31/26/pc	33/32/su	Trinidad	34/26/pc	35/26/pc	28/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otk	Friday Hi/Low/Otk	Saturday Hi/Low/Otk	Sunday Hi/Low/Otk	Monday Hi/Low/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otk
Bancroft	14/2/pc	16/6/ts	12/2/sh	12/0/pc	13/2/su	16/4/ts	17/6/sh
Barrie	13/3/pc	14/6/ts	12/3/sh	12/2/pc	13/2/su	17/4/ts	18/6/sh
Dorset	14/2/pc	17/6/ts	11/2/sh	11/0/pc	13/2/su	16/4/ts	17/6/sh
Haliburton	14/1/pc	16/5/ts	11/2/sh	11/0/pc	13/2/su	16/5/ts	17/6/sh
Huntsville	14/2/pc	16/5/ts	12/2/sh	11/1/pc	13/2/su	16/4/ts	17/6/sh
Kingston	15/3/pc	14/6/ts	13/3/sh	13/1/pc	14/2/su	16/5/ts	17/6/sh
Lindsay	14/2/pc	15/1/ts	12/3/sh	12/1/pc	13/2/su	16/5/ts	17/6/sh
Minden	14/2/pc	16/4/ts	11/2/sh	12/1/pc	13/2/su	16/5/ts	17/6/sh
Oshawa	15/3/pc	14/7/ts	13/3/sh	12/1/pc	14/2/su	17/5/ts	18/7/sh
Ottawa	14/6/cl	15/4/pc	14/2/sh	14/2/pc	14/2/su	15/3/pc	16/4/sh
Toronto	15/5/pc	14/7/ts	13/5/sh	13/2/pc	14/3/su	17/5/ts	18/7/sh

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otk	Friday Hi/Low/Otk	Saturday Hi/Low/Otk	Sunday Hi/Low/Otk	Monday Hi/Low/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otk
Calgary	6/-2/pc	13/0/pc	12/0/su	7/1/sh	8/1/sh	10/2/sh	13/4/cl
Edmonton	6/-1/cl	9/-2/cl	7/-4/pc	6/-4/pc	7/-4/pc	9/-1/sh	12/2/cl
Fredericton	17/7/sh	12/1/pc	7/0/sh	7/1/sh	8/0/sh	9/2/pc	10/2/sh
Halifax	18/9/sh	13/2/pc	8/0/sh	7/1/sh	8/0/sh	9/2/pc	10/2/sh
Montreal	14/7/sh	15/5/pc	13/2/sh	13/3/sh	13/2/sh	14/3/pc	16/4/sh
Regina	6/-1/mx	11/1/cl	7/-1/sh	6/-1/sh	7/-1/sh	9/2/pc	9/3/cl
St. John's	15/6/pc	10/3/sh	3/-3/mx	4/-1/mx	3/-3/mx	4/-1/pc	6/0/pc
Saskatoon	8/1/cl	9/-1/cl	7/-3/sh	7/-3/sh	8/-2/sh	9/-1/sh	10/-1/cl
Vancouver	13/5/pc	14/7/pc	14/8/sh	13/6/cl	13/6/cl	13/6/pc	12/5/cl
Whitehorse	8/-1/pc	11/1/pc	3/-4/sn	3/-3/mx	3/-4/sf	4/-3/mx	6/-1/mx
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Saturday 5/1	20°C	11°C	5.3 mm
Friday 4/30	NA	NA	NA
Thursday 4/29	15°C	2°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 4/28	11°C	3°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 4/27	7°C	1°C	0.0 mm

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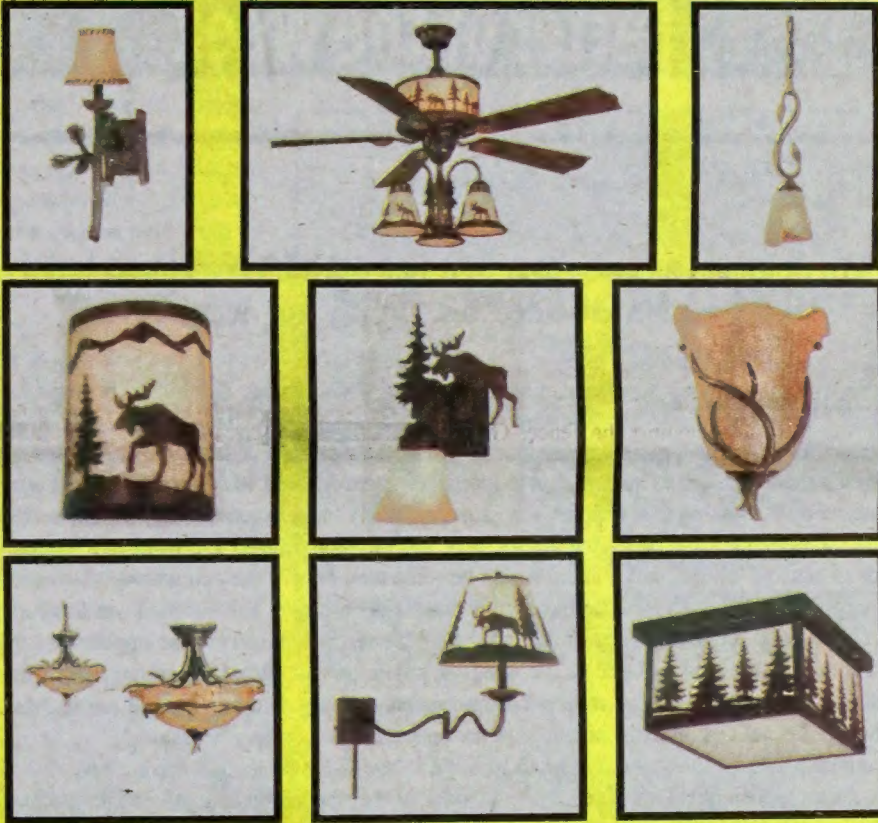
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Sat. 5:54 a.m./8:28 p.m.	3:07 a.m./3:07 p.m.
Sun. 5:52 a.m./8:30 p.m.	3:27 a.m./4:10 p.m.
Mon. 5:51 a.m./8:31 p.m.	3:47 a.m./5:15 p.m.
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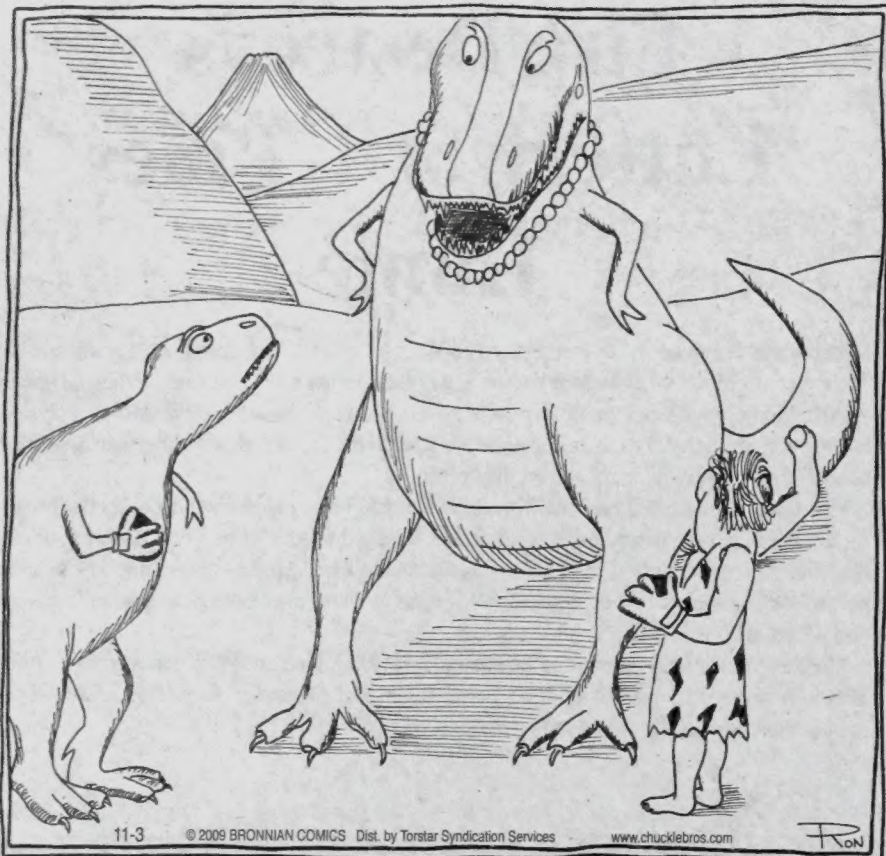
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"Mr. Johnson's comments that he 'would have appreciated being told in advance' are simply not accurate."

I read with interest your summary of Mr. Johnson's visit on Friday April 23. I do wish to clarify a couple of points. Mr. Johnson's comments that he 'would have appreciated being told in advance' are simply not accurate. As one of the owners who invited Mr. Johnson, I not only made one call to his assistant to inform her 'there would be some members of our community expressing their support' who are worried about the potential negative impact to senior's health care and rural communities that this bill represents. I followed up a second time to clarify with her, that, "There would be some members of our community who may even want to speak with him and have a few questions for him." The assistant was assured there would be no town hall meeting, but we would certainly welcome the opportunity if Mr. Johnson would like to debate the issues in public forum. What brings me optimism is the volume of support we received from our community, which hopefully sends Mr. Johnson the message that this not an important issue that can simply be ignored.

Your characterization of this as a partisan issue, I would also challenge. We have received passionate and eloquent support from both sides of the opposition aisle, the NDP and the Conservatives. This is not about partisanship, it is about protecting our rural communities and our seniors from the encroachments of US style health care, where the interests of big business and the bottom line predominate over the interests of society's most vulnerable people and communities. We await the completion of Mr. Johnson's promise to 'affix his signature' on our petition of over 650 of our communities signatures, which he promised on camera. He seems to feel there is an issue with some 'fine print clause' on the petitions wording. It is reminiscent of the types of excuses patients south of the border receive, when health care concerns become personally important, at the most crucial times. Our community is waiting patiently for the fulfillment of his promise.

Peter Meraw
Co-owner, Minden Pharmasave

Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

Big Pharma, Big Government, and Small Town Drug Stores



Minden Pharmasave Co-Owner Peter Meraw takes serious issue in the Letters to the Editor with the comments made in this column last week about the well-attended public meeting and demonstration held at his store last week. I described what appeared to be, "more than a whiff of partisanship in the air" during the well-organized meeting with MPP Rick Johnson. In a further

conversation Mr. Meraw acknowledged that the various Pharmacy Organizations have indeed been engaged in serious political lobbying, including the use of call-centres to target the constituents of some 25 Liberal ridings across the province (including Mr. Johnson's). This is to be expected: there's nothing wrong in individuals and organizations fighting to see their own point of view win the day at Queens Park, or on Parliament Hill. In fact, you could argue that our democracy depends to some degree on the vigorous political involvement of citizens and special interest groups.

But Mr. Meraw was adamant that despite the presence of local opposition politicians, the Minden demonstration was not a Tory or NDP plot, although members of both parties were present, and I certainly in no way doubt his word. So, apologies for the slur (if political involvement deserves the term), and congratulations on getting such a large group of protesters together on such short notice. Maybe the political parties should be talking to Mr. Meraw, for recruitment purposes!

Later in the week however, Mr. Meraw gave an impassioned and closely argued deposition to the committee at Queens Park that slammed the government of Premier Dalton McGuinty over its drug subsidy policy, noting with particular effect that it was Liberal Health Minister George Smitherman who created the policy in the first place. "This issue really is this simple. The government necessitated these professional allowances by chronically underfunding the Ontario Drug Benefit. By making this funding illegal without actually paying pharmacists what it costs us to fill a prescription, they're making it impossible to provide the level of health care services that our seniors and low-income patients rely on. To claim, as this government is doing, that they haven't cut funding simply because they haven't increased their level of neglect of ODB is disingenuous and cynical. I'll say it again so there's no mistake: Bill 16 cuts health care funding in this province."

The future, as the small-town pharmacies see it, is a move to an Americanized version of the pharmacy business, with Walmarts and other big-box stores replacing small, local, prescription and service-oriented stores. And so far, the government has provided no evidence that this is a groundless fear: as the Premier said, "it's not our business to keep local drug stores in business." Indeed, disingenuous, and certainly cynical. Public input to the issue will be heard until this weekend. But there will still be time after the committee hearings are over to exert some influence. Local drugstores are counting on the remaining time to press their case successfully.

Show Time!

Over the last year Haliburton eateries and watering holes, McKeck's, Applejacks, the Old Country House, and now the world-famous 160-year-old Rockcliffe in Minden have been bought by some brave entrepreneurs with significant and successful backgrounds in the Entertainment industry. Maarten Steinkamp in Haliburton, and now Michael and Sean Hooey in Minden prove, if nothing else, that smart, successful investors are prepared make a serious move into this County. Already Steinkamp has introduced live popular children's drama, well-known music acts, and even some comedy to Haliburton Village. The Hooey's are just one week into their tenure at the Rock, and have promised to take 'baby steps' to reposition the famous tavern as a fun entertainment centre.

More power to them: with any luck, their adventurous spirit will continue to breathe much-needed life into our main streets and communities for years to come. ■

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Dear Editor:

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Is Anyone in Charge in Minden Hills?

Recent events at Minden Hills Council meetings have raised questions about who is in charge of the business of running the Township. As yet, no information has surfaced to answer the following questions.

Why was the Township's purchasing policy not followed when the water and sewer operations and maintenance contract was renewed for a further five years, without fulfilling the required obligation to tender the contract to get competitive pricing? This is a \$1.5 million dollar contract and the policy states that tendering is required on goods and services in excess of \$10,000. Who is responsible to see that municipal policy is followed? How would we, or anyone, know if taxpayers are receiving the best value for these operations and services? This is only one example of Council and senior management staff ignoring the municipal purchasing policy in Minden Hills.

Why has the Township's purchasing policy not been updated in the required time frame as indicated in the policy itself? The policy states that "a review and evaluation of procurement goals, policies and procedures will be conducted every three years." Minden Hills' procurement policy is dated December 9, 2004. Who oversees this?

Why were no other options considered when it became clear that employee benefits for 2010 were costing taxpayers \$133,000 more than in 2009, a 25 percent increase? How can that be justified to taxpayers?

Why did Minden Hills' taxpayers pay \$150,000 for the Minden's Library furniture when the Dysart Library, of the identical size, paid \$65,000 for theirs? Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch managed this project, and heads the Library Committee at the County level. Why was there no collaboration on these projects at that level when they were undertaken at the same time?

Where is the Finance Committee in all of these financial discussions and decisions? Councillor Peter Oyler, Chairman of that Committee, has not called a Finance Committee meeting since the fall of 2009 despite its responsibility for quarterly financial reports, variance analyses, budgets and other financial matters of the Township. Two financial quarters and a budget season have now passed since the last Finance Committee meeting. Who ensures that a Committee of Council fulfils its responsibilities? What was the point of creating a Finance Committee?

Why has an Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk been assigned the responsibility of coordinating the move and working with consultants on how to set the snowmobile bridge up for summer, and on how to deal with the river embankment? The Township employs an Environmental & Property Operations Manager, a Chief Building Official, a Community Services Director, and a Roads Superintendent who usually coordinates the Township's equipment resources. Would it not be more effective use of resources to have one of them working on this engineering problem? Why were these issues not resolved at the outset of the project?

Why was critical information withheld on the Gonyea siding business location and zoning issue, only to surface after months of discussion by Council members, staff members, and after payments of taxpayers' money to the Township Planning Consultant, all of which could have been avoided if the relevant information had been presented at the outset of these discussions?

Why is Councillor Oyler allowed to dictate the withholding of public budget information until the day of the public meeting at which it will be discussed, when he has no municipal authority to do so? Who is in charge of ensuring the Accountability and Transparency Policy of the Township is adhered to?

Why has Council's suggestion of December 10, 2009 for a meeting of the four Township CBO's in Haliburton County regarding a recommendation for a County Animal Shelter not taken place and been reported back to Council? Is there anyone following up on action items from Council meetings? This is a recurring situation.

Why does it take 85 employees to run Minden Hills and only 65 to run Dysart et al? Is anyone looking for cost efficiencies between these two very comparable Townships? As part of their responsibilities, has the Township's Personnel Committee addressed the comparative numbers of staff, and salaries and benefits paid by taxpayers in both municipalities?

Why is Councillor Oyler allowed to continue his unprofessional and unacceptable outbursts and behaviour during public Council meetings? Who is charge of public decorum at Council meetings?

Have egos, the desire to one-up other Councillors, and the individual need to control matters on this Council, (all very obvious to the public at Council meetings), overruled common sense, objectivity, and adherence to policies, accountability to taxpayers, and the use of good judgment?

In this election year all of these questions remain unanswered and beg the final question - Is anyone in charge in Minden Hills?

Shelley Houser
Minden Hills ■

Dear Editor:

"... the Harper government ... wallows in a culture of secrecy, contempt, and deceit."

University of Ottawa law professor Errol Mendes has said "the fundamental foundation of our parliamentary democracy is that the executive [Prime Minister and his government] has to be accountable to the House of Commons. It cannot be accountable only to itself."

Canadians, however, have the Harper government which wallows in a culture of secrecy, contempt and deceit.

The following is just a partial list of where the government has refused to provide information, treated our Parliament with contempt or out and out failed to tell the truth:

The government MP who chairs the House of Commons Public Safety Committee has said that police chiefs "derive financial support from pro-registry sources" and called them "a cult" for seeking to maintain the gun registry that they access 11,000 times a day to protect officer safety.

A Justice Department lawyer refused to even give a date for when specific documents would be provided to the Military Police Complaints Commission's hearings on the government's role in the torture of Afghan detainees. He said "you'll get them when they're good and ready".

The Information Commissioner has found the Harper government to be the most secretive in history when it comes to answering Access to Information requests.

In the ultimate act of contempt for Parliament, Stephen Harper prorogued Parliament so he wouldn't have to face continued questioning on the Afghan detainee torture scandal.

The Harper government has refused to comply with a motion passed by Parliament that would establish a review process for Afghan torture documents that respects national security.

The Harper government won't tell the Parliamentary Budget Officer what their baseline departmental spending levels are, denying Parliament the ability exercise oversight on the government's spending freeze and the cutbacks needed to pay for it.

It's time Canadians took a stand and let Mr. Harper know that he can't get away with it any more. We deserve to have our parliamentary system treated with respect, our M.P.s deserve to have the information they need to do their jobs and we deserve government ministers and parliamentary committee members who tell the truth.

More than that, we deserve a Prime Minister who doesn't run and hide whenever his minority government is faced with things it does not like.

Yours truly,

Bob MacMorran
President,
Haliburton-Kawartha
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Federal Liberal Association

Correction: In a recent article in the County Voice we wrote that Highlands East Ward Three Council candidate Beverly MacDuff was once Township Clerk: in fact Ms. MacDuff was Assistant to the Clerk.



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County Purchases Walker Property on Highway 35

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Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

The County of Haliburton took over the provision of EMS services from the province in 2000 and inherited the lease agreement and existing base from the Ministry of Health at that time. Total operating costs for the building, including the lease fees amount to an approximate annual cost to the County of \$50,000.

Burton said he is particularly pleased to see the acquisition of the Highway 35 property as it will provide an opportunity for the department to improve their presence in the area and more importantly, their response times. "Part of the problem," he said "has been trying to improve our response times to Algonquin Highlands and a move to the highway will facilitate that."

Kennedy confirmed that by establishing a base on the highway, his department would be able to improve response times by two or three minutes, which could make all the difference in the world when it comes to life or death situations.

During an interview last December Kennedy confirmed that the County had been doing some environmental assessment work on the property to weigh its merits and determine if remedial work was required, but little more could be said about the acquisition at the time.

County CAO Jim Wilson said that, because there had been 'a few issues' with the property, extensive testing had been done, both by the owner and the county representatives. Wilson said, "The testing was part of our due diligence. There has been some environmental cleanup conducted on the property and our testing shows that a certain amount of work remains to be done."

But according to Wilson, environmental reports suggest that the remaining work is 'manageable,' a factor that led the County Council to finally reaching an agreement on the purchase.

When asked if there were any plans for construction, Wilson said, "At this point Council would like to get a report from staff on the options available to us. We need to look at the layout of a base



and the amount of land required." Not too surprisingly as nothing has been budgeted for construction, Wilson also said, "It's also a question of finding the finances to proceed with construction of a new base at some point."

The Walker property, which cost \$385,000, is 5.79 acres and Wilson acknowledged that it is possible that not all of the land will be required for a base. "We'll have to look at placement and best use of the land and if there is some surplus, we may consider selling a portion of the property to help with cost recovery. We'll have to carefully consider all of our options."

Wilson said that he suspected there would be no construction this year, but added that the County would be pursuing all avenues of available funding. When it came to the question of infrastructure funding, Wilson said, "We haven't yet heard that there will be another round of infrastructure funding, but if there is we will certainly look at applying if the project qualifies."

He also said that, for now, it is a lot easier to make changes on paper than after construction gets under way.

In the meantime, Kennedy can start to work on plans, post them on his wall and hope that the new base will come to fruition in the not too distant future. ■

Twin Lakes Resort/Gonyea Siding Application Cont'd...

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to the OMB and we lose, then we lose. This is evidence of the type of job done in the past."

Chief Building Official Ken Jones confirmed to Council that the only information on the original application form was a plan to renovate the existing building and McMahon agreed that the permit had initially been issued on the premise that the building would be renovated with no specifics on the additional use of the building.

At their meeting on April 29th Planning Consultant Heather Sadler reported that she had discussed the range of uses being sought by the Twin Lakes Resort and Gonyea Siding with Paul Gonyea and his legal and planning representatives, Jeffrey Streisfield and Rick Hunter. According to Sadler, Streisfield and Hunter suggested that the business has a minimal impact on the area. Sadler also reported that the applicants had agreed to limit the scope and scale of the proposed commercial use on the property to more closely reflect the intent of the waterfront designation policies.

Streisfield, a Land Lawyer, was present at the meeting on the 29th and urged the Council to approve the application. He commented that he saw no need for an Official Plan amendment, but added that he understood Sadler's position that it was required. "In our view it is not required, but nonetheless we are agreeable to its wording as it makes clear the use to be permitted."

Streisfield also said, "This has been a difficult process for the applicant and we would be pleased to see it reach a satisfactory resolution. Again, I urge you to approve the application."

In her written report, Sadler did suggest that overriding the underlying principles of land use was not recommended and it was not generally wise to base long term planning policy decisions on matters like the current standard of property maintenance or current ownership as they change over time.

In response to a question by Councillor Rick Ratcliff, Sadler confirmed that, should Gonyea's business cease to operate at this particular location, that portion of the property would revert back to a use limited to recreational commercial and no new tenant would be afforded the same privileges.

Oyler inquired about the fabrication of materials and the number of commercial vehicles on site, but Sadler confirmed that there would be no outside storage or fabrication allowed. As to the number of vehicles, Sadler said that while nothing had been specified, the requirements for loading and parking spaces would be in accordance with the specifications for the recreational commercial zone.

Council resolved the matter by formally approving amendments to the municipality's Official Plan and the zoning by-law which would permit the eaves and siding business to continue to operate on the waterfront property.

And, as voting proceeded, Councillor Oyler, while appearing to be voting in favour of the resolution, clearly extended his middle finger, thus 'flipping the bird' to the entire matter. ■

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Minden Hills Municipal Review

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Tax Levy Adopted

With absolutely no fanfare, or comment at all for that matter during their meeting on April 29th, the Minden Hills Council passed By-law No. 10-42 which authorized the tax rates for this year. The estimates for 2010 required a general municipal levy of \$5,273,722 and a Special Area 1 Municipal Levy for Water Supply and Reservoir of \$50,000.

While questions continue to be raised about the impact of the unanticipated additional cost for the Minden Water Tower of approximately \$1,000,000 and whether or not rates for the Minden and Lutterworth systems should be amalgamated, these concerns will not have any impact to the tax rates. Legislation requires that all water and sewer systems must be self financed and costs recouped through the rates set for those individual systems.

Overall, the budget represented a 4.85 percent increase to the municipal portion of the Minden Hills tax notices which will be reflected in the various class rates, combined with both the County and education rates.

Public Meeting Called to Consider Minden & Lutterworth Water Systems

During the Council meeting last Thursday, Environmental and Property Operations Manager Peter Brown and Treasurer Lorrie Blanchard presented Council with a report and recommendations on the management of the municipality's two water systems.

The report was submitted as a result of Council's request during their April 8th meeting for the pair to come up with some recommendations in response to a number of concerns raised by Brown. First and foremost, Council is faced with capital costs of approximately \$1,000,000 more than initially anticipated to construct the Minden water tower. An unfunded component of approximately \$40,000 for the Lutterworth project, a shortfall of approximately \$71,000 in the ongoing operation of the Lutterworth Pines Water Plant and the fact that insufficient funds have been set aside as reserves for future capital replacements of the Lutterworth system also add to the Council's dilemma.

Brown and Blanchard proposed that the shortfalls for this year be taken from reserves and that an annual payment per Lutterworth resident be set at \$427.00 a year to establish replacement reserves for the future. Over and above this cost, detailed information about operations and maintenance of the system suggested that Lutterworth residents could also face a 115 percent increase to their annual rate for water and a 154 percent increase in 2011.

Contrary to the faint hope that the government might fund the extraordinary shortfall for the water tower or allow the transfer of funds from one infrastructure project to another, the report confirmed that funding cannot be transferred between projects. However, efforts are being made to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities (Hon. John Baird) to request additional funding.

In the interim Brown and Blanchard suggested that a debenture to cover the shortfall could cost an annual payment of approximately \$60,000 over a 25 year period which would require a five percent increase to residents over the 2009 water rates. They also recommended amalgamating the Lutterworth system into the Minden water system which would result in an overall increased user fee of at least five percent.

Council agreed that the matter should be taken to a public meeting in May.

Councillor Peter Oyler commented that these were big ticket items. He said, "I anticipate that there will be residents here to express their concerns. Have you given any thought to making a presentation at the meeting detailing the information you

have given to Council? Basically it would be a bit of a dog and pony show, to let the public know about the dilemmas that we are facing."

Brown agreed that it would be relatively easy to put together a presentation that would include the same information presented to Council. He said it would have to be much the same as, "These are the best recommendations that we can make."

Councillor Bill Obee, however, suggested that the information be made available to the public prior to the meeting. "This is a lot to digest."

Councillor Barbara Reid supported that direction, saying, "It is important that people have an opportunity to read and understand what is being proposed in order to be able to prepare questions in advance of the meeting."

It was agreed that the report would be placed on the municipality's website and copies would also be made available on request.

The public meeting will take place on Thursday, May 13th at 9:00 a.m.

New Fire Aid Agreement with City of Kawartha Lakes

The Minden Hills Fire Department has established a new 'automatic aid agreement' with the City of Kawartha Lakes which Fire Chief Doug Schell anticipates could make some considerable savings throughout the year.

In essence the new agreement redefines structural fires and limits fire protection services by the City of Kawartha Lakes solely to structural fires. It also eliminates their fire department from attending brush fires, downed or damaged hydro lines and other miscellaneous calls including motor vehicle accidents.

In response to concerns raised by Councillor Reid about the possibility of reduced coverage or increased risk to residents, Schell assured Council that would not be the case, and that they could save as much as \$1200 an hour by not having Kawartha Lakes respond where they were not required.

Given the assurances by Schell, Council authorized the Reeve and Clerk to execute the by-law for the new agreement.

No Relief on Fees

A request for relief on planning fees made at the Committee of the Whole meeting earlier this month has been turned down flat. Jim Garbutt called his bill of \$947.74 for the services of a junior planner outrageous and said that it should have been a simple matter to process a rezoning request for his Bob Lake property.

But Chief Building Official Ken Jones suggests that in recent years it has become increasingly rare for a rezoning to be a simple matter and in Garbutt's case there were some unusual circumstances including two dwellings on the same

property and deficient front yard setbacks on a lake that is considered to be 'highly sensitive.'

As is the case with all municipalities, Minden Hills strives for cost recovery in as many circumstances as possible and Council readily accepted Jones' recommendation that Garbutt be directed to settle his account.

Jones advised Council that planning staff would ensure that the wording on applications pertaining to fees and related expenses will be highlighted to ensure fewer surprises to applicants.

Minden Promoters to Hold Weekly Trunk Sales

On behalf of the Minden Promoters, Joanna Penfold has been successful in seeking Council's support to hold weekly 'trunk sales' in the downtown core during July and August.

The Promoters are a group that have coalesced from the Sesquicentennial Committee in an effort to keep the energy of the committee alive until a more formal business organization can be established. Given the success of the Sesquicentennial Trunk Sale last August, the Promoters hope that this weekly event will continue to bring people to downtown Minden while keeping the festive spirit of the community alive.

According to Penfold, the group has established some strict guidelines to ensure that the event maintains a local flavour and continues to support businesses in the heart of the community. The times, set from 7:30 to 11:00 a.m. each Saturday, will be strictly adhered to and participants must have a local connection. While cars, SUV's and small trucks will be acceptable, no trailers or offloading of items for sale will be allowed.

The Promoters will accept overall responsibility for organization of the weekly events and will be encouraging not-for-profit organizations to take part in order to promote their individual causes and raise much needed funds.

Council, agreeing that there is an ongoing need for more coordinated events, supported the idea, so if you're looking for treasures that no longer have a place in someone else's home, this could prove an excellent opportunity to find them. ■

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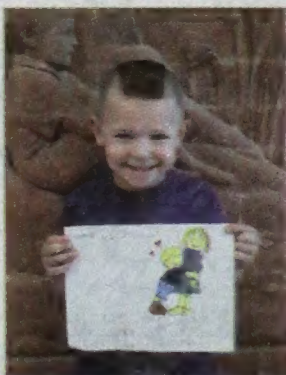
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The Horse Whisperer

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter



"Used to be intimidated by horses, even the thought of feeding an apple to them scared me" says Bonnie Pentney. Fast forward to now and it's a completely different story. Interviewing Bonnie in the presence of her horses she confidently instructs them without the glimmer of the fear she once had, even going as far as standing on their backs.

Bonnie was able to become confident around her horses by using the technique of Natural Horsemanship. Natural Horsemanship is the philosophy of working with horses by appealing to their instincts and herd mentality. It involves communication techniques derived from wild horse observation in order to build a partnership that closely resembles the relationships that exist between horses.

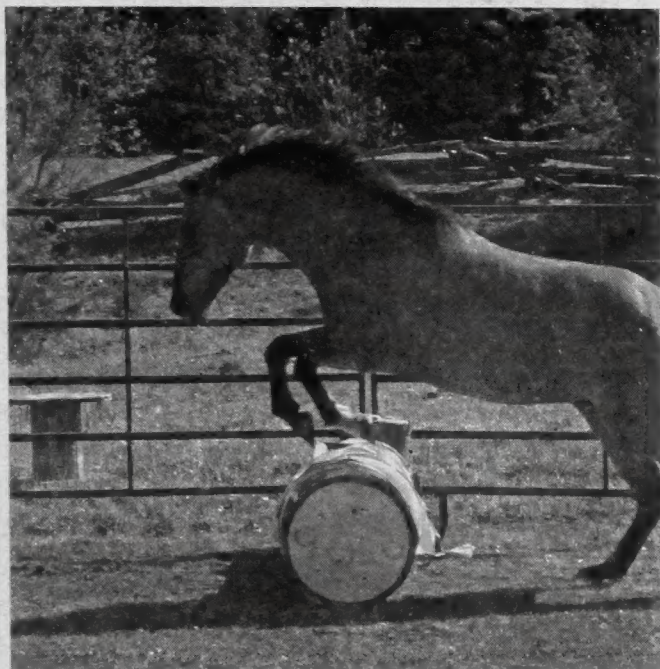
Horses are natural prey animals with a strong fight or flight instinct, they are easily spooked and so having a confident leader as an owner is a key point in limiting their instinctive behaviours.

Using subtle hand gestures and a carrot stick (a long stick that is used as an extension of her arms) Bonnie manages to create a relaxing and comfortable environment for her horses. Safety is paramount for herself and the calm atmosphere translates into a confident horse.

Instead of using a whip or force to train the horses Bonnie uses gentle hand movements to aid the horses to come to her and perform tricks.

All of this ground work allows Bonnie to, as she puts it, "Create a well rounded horse so they are well behaved on the trails. In the end the ultimate goal is to ride the horses." The main purpose for using the training methods is so there are few surprises for the owners once they hit the outside environment and if they run into any potential hazards then Bonnie and the horses will have the confidence to proceed.

The horses respond to Bonnie's calm body language and with a simple nod or hand movement the horse will immediately react and do as Bonnie instructs. Two hands raised up tells the horse to stop and two hands waving towards her tells the horse to come



towards her. "My body language conveys so many things to the horses, they are extremely conscious of our body language" notes Bonnie.

Not only does the Natural Horsemanship provide for a well behaved horse on the trails it also makes the horse confident for other situations. Horses are spooked by walking into a horse trailer and by medicinal injections which they can find petrifying. Bonnie explains, "I don't want my horses to be fearful, with a firm but fair approach I can become the alpha horse. Horses want to follow a leader so they feel safe."

Bonnie has owned her two horses, Coy and Sparky for a combination of nine years. When she retired as owner of Minden Home Hardware, along with her husband John, she turned her attention to horses to keep busy on their property just outside of Minden.

Her horse experience was sporadic, a few trail rides on holidays when she was younger but she had never owned a horse or experienced the daily care attributed to looking after horses. "Despite my early fear of horses, I had always loved them. I have a friend out West who has a ranch full of horses and each year I would visit her. One day I thought, just go for it and I eventually bought Coy a Quarterhorse."

Bonnie first began with techniques such as teaching the horse how to stop as a safety measure. She then progressed onto more advanced techniques all by using the calm, gentle hand movements. Watching the horses perform is special to watch knowing that these creatures are inherently spooked by the slightest of movements or sounds. Knowing this and then watching the horses side step over large cartons, or stand still with a ball on its back, is amazing to see the horses so calm and trusting in Bonnie.

Bonnie uses little voice communication with the horses which is why in some cases natural horsemanship is known as horse whispering. In the coming months Bonnie wishes to teach the horses to lie down amongst other techniques: for her the journey is about learning and self improvement. Bonnie first stood on

Sparky's back last summer: "No one was at the house when I did it and there I was standing on his back and no one was there to take a photograph or see me do it!"

Before Bonnie tries such a dangerous trick she guides the horse through practice trots and small games so they are prepared. Teaching the tricks takes a lot of time and patience in order to receive the correct results. Bonnie has come far from her days of being intimidated around the horses and the bond between the equestrian and the horses is easy to see. "Sparky came to me as a very scared horse, he was afraid of everything and how far he's come is unbelievable."

Bonnie helps friends and others in the area with their training and if anyone in the local area is interested in learning more about natural horsemanship then Bonnie advises those to give her a call at 286-4965. ■

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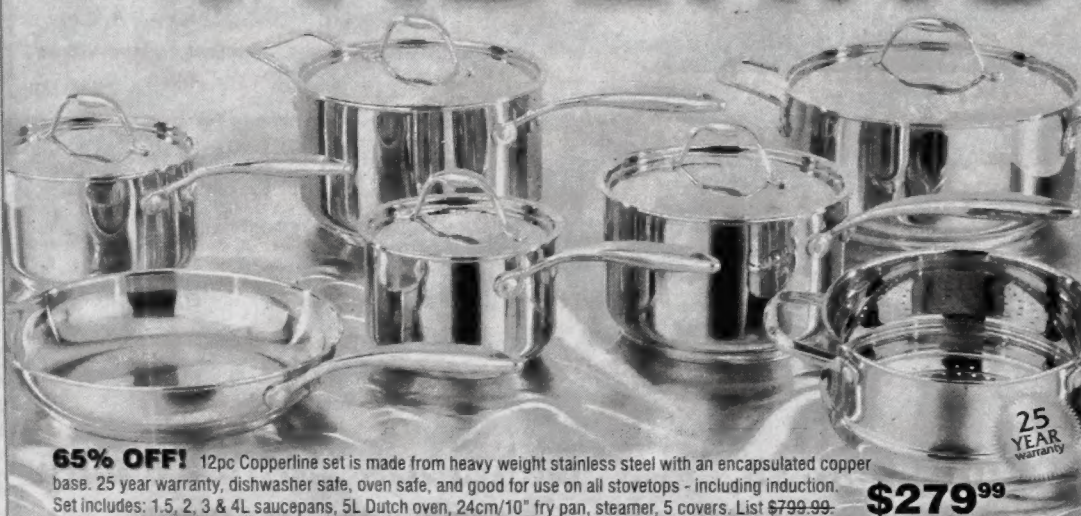
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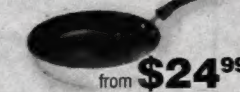
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Hundreds of Dogs Rescued and More on the Way

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

Sharon Purdy's dog rescue mission has come from humble beginnings. When they initially took one homeless dog into their home, they had no idea how their efforts would grow, but Sharon and her husband Paul have now rescued an amazing 655 dogs from starvation, shootings and inhumane treatment. And there's no plan to stop their efforts to save animals in dire straights.

It all began in 2003 when Sharon was working at the SPCA in Bracebridge. According to Sharon, the shelter, although a temporary home, was crammed full of homeless dogs. When one such dog didn't want to stay in the confinement of his crate for the night, Sharon decided to take him home, just for that night. What she didn't imagine was that, over the years, she would end up making her Muskokan home a retreat for many abused dogs from Moosonee in Northern Ontario.

Purdy said that the dog she took home that one night was different. "He was relaxed and confident; he was such an amazing dog that he blended in straight away."

Sharon said that she inquired at the SPCA about where this gentle dog had come from. She was told that a lady was bringing dogs from Moosonee and Moose Factory and had been taken on a five hour train journey to Cochrane and then another five hour trip to Bracebridge.

With a lack of a veterinary clinic in Moosonee and Moose Factory and with dogs left outside to roam free, breeding soon got out of control. In order to diffuse the situation, Sharon said, "They round the dogs up, shoot them and toss their bodies into a pit. As the population decreased there were still more shootings. The thought of what they were doing to them was more than I could stand, but seeing it first hand was unbearable."

Sharon and Paul travelled to Moosonee in May of 2003 and bought two dogs back. "I told Paul that we would rescue two and give them to loving families. Secretly of course I knew I would keep one, but obviously I couldn't tell him that," said Sharon, laughing.

Soon enough the couple found themselves outnumbered. At one point as many as 22 dogs were in the house at one time. "It was total chaos; there were dogs in the laundry room, bathroom and just the general population of the house!"

The couple knew they needed to advertise the dogs somehow and came across a website, Petfinder.com. There they could list the dogs and people who were looking for a specific breed could easily find them.

Three years after the rescue mission began in 2006, one of the dogs was tragically hit by a car. Sharon says, "We knew then that we had to house the dogs differently, it took me a long time to get over what happened."

The community around Sharon held a fundraiser to fence in four acres of property around the couple's home, along with a gate across the yard so the dogs couldn't get out onto the road. Later the couple built a one room cabin in their back yard with puppy gates and a wood stove so the dogs could use the cabin as their home.

Although the Purdy's have been housing dogs and puppies for a number of years, it doesn't get any easier to let them go. Sharon explains, "I placed a dog just last week. We had her for a month and I cried non-stop after I left her with her new family. I thought I would toughen up after all these years but I haven't. It's hard because they've given their trust to us and we've given them a temporary home. When we leave them with their new family, I don't want that trust to disappear between us and because they don't understand what's going on then I get more emotional."

The couple's Moosonee Puppy Rescue has come a long way from its humble beginnings. They no longer journey to Moosonee to collect the pups because of the animosity they



Mike and Jane Jaycock with their new puppy, Sophie

Back row: Gord Kidd and dog rescuer Sharon Purdy, front row Kathryn Kidd sits with T-Bone and Paul Purdy sits with Sally-Ann, both rescue dogs.



encounter with the locals. Sharon notes, "They have a different way of doing things up there and I'm not going to judge them or place blame. They view animals differently. The locals just don't want us to take the dogs even though we can give them fabulous opportunities. They're quick to assume we're judging, but it's hard not to react and do something when you see the conditions these dogs are facing."

The dogs and puppies in Moosonee and its neighbouring town of Moose Factory are often abandoned when people move from their houses. Sharon said that often when the puppy grows from the cute bundle of fun a family first enjoyed, they are often neglected. At certain times of the year in Moose Factory tails come at a high price with the bounty set at \$80. Puppies are found frozen in snow banks, crying, starving, injured and sick. They are simply dismissed as being valueless and without worth.

At the present time Sharon and Paul send medication to Moosonee and some residents will call Sharon and ask for her

advice if their dog is sick. "Teachers and nurses in the communities are now the front line rescuers for the most part. Once they know about the puppies they take them into their homes and care for them until they can be sent out."

The rescue mission is not without expenses. Mounting vet bills and endless bags of puppy and dog food don't ease up, but the community continues to rally around them, donating food from Pet Valu and from time to time, veterinary visits at a reduced cost.

Once a new home is found the couple conduct at home visits with potential new parents, some of which Sharon said don't always work out. "People often think because they're rescue dogs any home is better

than nothing, but that's just not the case. I have high standards but I'm proud of that; you can't get a puppy and then leave it for eight hours at a time every day."

Sharon said that often the puppies are three or four weeks old when their mothers are shot. "They've already been abandoned and I want to ensure that won't happen again." Sharon looks at credentials such as whether the family can afford a dog, the amount of time it will be alone without humans, the residence situation, yard space, whether the family has children or previous experience with dogs.

Sharon and Paul's puppy rescue has spread far and wide. Kathryn and Gord Kidd, who live in Haliburton were one couple who were very touched by the mission. Kathryn and Gord adopted two dogs through the Purdy's, called T-bone and Saul.

Kathryn and Gord had already rescued a dog from a shelter in Lindsay and were looking to adopt more when Kathryn found the Purdy's website. Gord explains, "We've always rescued dogs and Kathryn was looking to see if any agencies wanted more help. The Purdy's were doing it by themselves and we really wanted to help. Rescue dogs have nobody to care for them. These dogs are stuck fending for themselves and that's why we've always chosen dogs from shelters."

The Kidd's hope to plan a fundraiser in Haliburton to offset costs and increase awareness for the ongoing puppy rescue mission.

Another Haliburtonian couple who were captivated by the Purdy's rescue story are DJ Mike Jaycock and his wife Jane who last Saturday welcomed Sophie, an eight week old husky collie cross into their home. The Jaycocks have adopted dogs before from rescue shelters and after wishing to adopt a puppy this time they came across the Moosonee Puppy Rescue website after an Internet search. Mike explains, "We took a trip to Bracebridge after finding the website and we were really impressed by the level of care these dogs had. It was obvious how much these people loved these dogs."

Sophie is already acclimatising to her new home, already forming a penchant for chasing squirrels and chipmunks. "I feel like a new father, I think I've taken more photographs in the last three days than I have in the last three months. She's definitely figured out how to boss us around!" says Mike laughing.

The Kidd's and Jaycock's stories resonate how choosing a rescue dog is a viable and wonderful option when deciding to adopt a pet.

Sharon wants to "advocate for rescue dogs. There is no dog more grateful than a rescue dog. Never buy dogs from a pet store as they are always from a puppy mill and puppy mills are just terrible. You can't comprehend what goes on in there until you see it with your own eyes. It's your worst nightmare times a thousand."

Each dog that comes to the Purdy's is completely different, but most ease into the Purdy home comfortably. Sharon notes, "We've been pretty lucky, northern dogs are true and honest. Only the strong survive and these dogs had to learn to deal with it on their own."

Although Sharon and Paul no longer journey to Moosonee they are constantly taking new dogs into their homes. Just last Sunday the couple rescued a husky cross, Sally-Ann, who they believe to be pregnant.

It's not only the dogs who gain so much from the loving homes. Sharon says, "Each dog is a lesson for us, they teach us patience and they come to us with hope and faith."

The Purdy's website is located at www.moosoneepuppyrescue.com

High School, Stewardship Council, Patient News Plant the Trees!

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Submitted by Tracy Teel, Stewardship Council Intern

The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council marked the wrap-up of their 2010 Tree Planting Program with a tree planting event on May 3rd, 2010 at the Kinark Outdoor Centre. Trees were planted by students from the Haliburton Outdoor Educational Development Program, run by Derek Little of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The trees were generously provided by Patient News Publishing who partnered with the Haliburton Stewardship Council and their Tree and Shrub Planting Program this year to help plant over 4000 trees in Haliburton County this spring as an ongoing effort to offset paper usage as a printing company.

The approximately 750 trees that the students planted at Kinark are being used to control erosion, rehabilitate an abandoned farmland tract, as well as an exhausted aggregate pit, enhance habitat, and promote diversity.



Front Row: Schuyler Mills, Katelyn Huft, Jasmin Purnell, Evan Clarke, Nick Freeman, and Curtis Huichings. Second Row: Derek Little (teacher), Brandon Thomas, Cole Miscio, Amy Traviss, Matt Try, Dalton Smith, Carson MacDonald, Julian Barry, Chris Iles, and Dillon Donaldson. Third Row: Bruce Griffith (teacher), Jeff Kraft, Brady Kent, and Travis Watson

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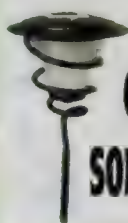
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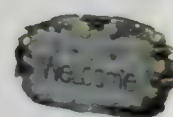
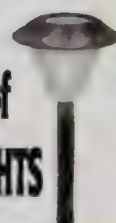


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Gooderham Horseshoe Days Gets a New Look.

This summer Gooderham's Horseshoe Days will be taking on a new theme and it is aimed at anyone who is a hillbilly at heart. After listening to a presentation at their meeting on April 15th, the Highlands East Council has accepted the organizing committee's recommendation that unless the event changes considerably and more money is invested it will fail. Horseshoe Days will now have a Hillbilly theme and a lot of new attractions for locals to enjoy.

The presentation outlining proposed event changes and a new budget was unique as Council delegations go. Cecil Ryall, in his alter ego as Lester B. Potts from Pig Knuckles, West Carolina made the pitch and, according to Potts, the family (committee) got together on his Aunt Ester's back porch, just downwind of the outhouse, to consider the matter and organize the 'best hootenanny and nose-pickin' contest in these here parts.'

Ryall later said that the committee had carefully scrutinized all of the events along with the financial records for the past several years when considering the improvements and the potential for increased revenue. According to Ryall, the committee will be approaching more local businesses and people in the area for sponsorship and support. This year admission will be charged for Friday night festivities given that there will be new activities to take part in.

The committee is also considering charging for campsites, the sale of wristbands for a day's events and they will be seeking free advertising rather than previously paid promotions. Ryall said that one member of the committee will act as their financial officer and there will be much tighter controls in place for financial management.

In fact, this year on Friday night there will be fireworks, a reptile show and a teen dance. On Saturday there will be horseshoe pitching, wrestling and pig races in addition to a number of other events with a dance on Saturday night with a live band. On Sunday afternoon there will be a demolition derby and monster truck rides. And on both Saturday and Sunday there will be new rides in place as the committee has investigated and decided to invest in inflatable rides for people of all ages.

Great Canadian Breakfasts will be served on both Saturday and Sunday morning in addition to a full roast beef dinner on Saturday night, hosted by local firefighters.

During the Council meeting Councillor Suzanne Partridge voiced some concerns over the amount of the budget. She said, "I'd like some idea how we can recoup the additional expenses. This is \$10,000 more than last year and it doesn't look like there is any way to make more money."

Ryall, reverting back to his normal self, assured Partridge that the committee had done their due diligence and were confident that sufficient people would attend to guarantee a profit of five to six thousand dollars for the weekend.

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie commented that he liked the idea of inflatable rides as they were much safer.

Ryall also reported that the committee had a new person handling the demolition derby and the deal included a monster truck. He commented that 'right or wrong, we're going with the Hillbilly theme.' He said, "The event needed to be revamped and this is what we have done. It's different; not like anything we have done before."

Ryall gave a detailed explanation for the rationale behind a number of the budget items and how a profit was sure to be garnered.

In a report to Council the Committee detailed the difficulty they had in previous years with rides. "Although the rides have a TSSA safety certificate, they really left a lot to be desired and reflected poorly on our event."

Because of this the committee contacted a number of other midway companies and settled on the inflatable amusements because they require less power, are easy to set up and tear down and don't carry the same liability that is associated with the motor operated rides. In addition to the inflatable rides, there will be a mechanical bull and roller roper to encourage ticket sales.

Mackie said, "You have done a good job and a lot of work has gone into this. I think we should support the increased budget. None of this is spur of the moment. And Council apparently agreed as they passed a resolution approving the revised budget."

Lester B's Cousin Ethel may have said that she was a bit disappointed that there would be no 'spittin' or pig callin' contests, but as Ryall he assured Council that it would be a heck of a long weekend that they wouldn't be disappointed in. ■

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Ungirded Magma



British and Icelandic geophysicists have warned that ice-covered volcanoes could erupt more frequently as global warming melts the glaciers currently bottling up the magma below. Carolina Pagli of the University of Leeds wrote a 2008 paper in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters* that says climate change may trigger more volcanic eruptions as the resulting glacial melt removes enormous weight from the surface, freeing up magma from the deep. She and volcanologist Freysteinn Sigmundsson from the University of Iceland documented how the end of the last ice age 10,000 years ago coincided with a ten-fold increase in eruptions on the island. They believe it occurred because the land rose as the ice melted away. Iceland's icecaps have been melting without much interruption since 1890, which the researchers believe could mean the island is in for another period of soaring volcanic activity.

Hottest March Ever



A detailed analysis of the world's land and ocean surface temperatures has revealed that March 2010 was the warmest March on record, the U.S. agency NOAA reports. The National Climatic Data Center says it determined that the combined average land and ocean surface temperature for the month was 56.3 degrees Fahrenheit, which is 1.4 degrees above the 20th century average. Considering just the land areas, the temperature was 2.45 degrees above the 20th century average, making it the fourth-warmest on record. A big contributor to the warmth was the weakening El Niño in the tropical Pacific. The first quarter of this year across the planet's land and ocean surface has stacked up to be the fourth-warmest January-March period on record.

Gulf Spill Disaster



Crews worked round-the-clock to contain a leak from a deepwater oil rig that was spewing about 42,000 gallons of crude into the Gulf of Mexico each day. An expanding oil slick about 40 miles south of Louisiana threatened to pollute coastal waters rich in shrimp, fish and other marine life. The spill began after a rig exploded and eventually sank in waters about 5,000 feet deep. Submarines were attempting to cap the wellhead on the bed of the Gulf, but officials warned that the spill had the potential to become worse than the 1989 Exxon Valdez environmental disaster. BP said a kink in the pipe was preventing oil from spewing even more heavily. A flotilla of oil-skimming vessels was dispatched to recover as much of the spill as possible.

Violent Sandstorm



A record 16-hour sandstorm collapsed buildings and sparked fires across far western China's Xinjiang region, leaving three people dead and one missing. The official Chinese Xinhua news agency reports the violent winds were the strongest ever recorded in Turpan city and the counties of Shanshan and Toksun in central Xinjiang. In neighboring Gansu province, weather officials said black clouds of sand dropped visibilities to between zero and two yards. Sandstorms occur each spring across arid parts of northern and western China, often blowing thousands of miles eastward into South Korea, Japan and even the Pacific coasts of Canada and the United States.

Earthquakes

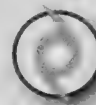


Buildings in Taipei swayed as a long stretch of Taiwan was jolted by a powerful quake centered well off the southern tip of the island.

No damage was reported.

• Earth movements were also felt in Indonesia's North Maluku province, southeast Texas, northeast Ohio and along the California-Mexico border.

Tropical Cyclone



An area of disturbed weather between Australia's northwest coast and the Indonesian island of Java intensified into Cyclone Sean on April 23. It soon reached its maximum intensity, generating sustained winds of just over 50 mph as it churned the open waters of the far eastern Indian Ocean. Sean eventually dissipated far from any land areas, a threat only to shipping lanes during its brief lifespan.

Rabbits Besiege Island



A rabbit population explosion has been occurring on one of Scotland's Inner Hebrides islands since a rat infestation was eradicated four years ago to protect Canna's important seabird population. But the island's 19 human residents say that rabbits now have few natural predators, allowing them to devour crops and literally undermine historic structures unchecked. Canna's only restaurant now serves rabbit dishes at every meal. But getting fresh vegetables to accompany the entrées is a challenge because the hordes of rabbits that still hop around outside eat them as soon as crops pop out of the ground, residents say. "The only things that are happy are the sea eagles. They have been having a real feast (on the rabbits)," resident Winnie Mackinnon told *The Times* of London. The National Trust for Scotland, which owns the island, says there is no proven link between the rat eradication and the swelling rabbit population.

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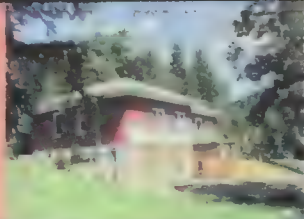
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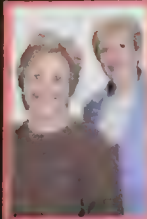
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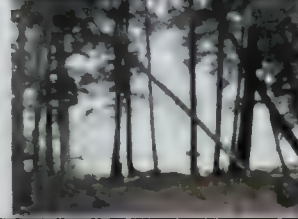
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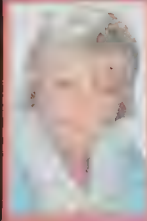
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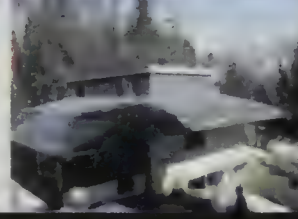
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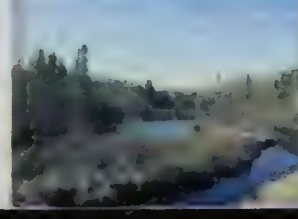
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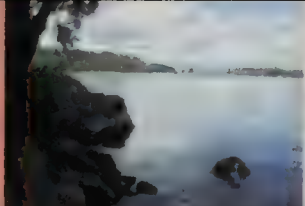


Kashagawigamog Lake - \$449,000

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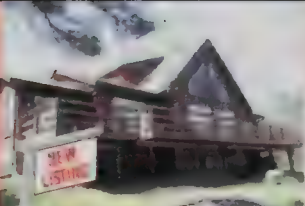


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Redstone - \$225,000

Look at this! The river divides this lot into two pieces of wonderful privacy, and opportunity. The charming main home offers 3 bedrooms and cozy comfort looking over the water. Currently, there is another cabin and 2 sheds, but why not build your dream home across the water and enjoy both halves, or sell one? This is so well priced for all this water land and potential, please see it today.



Kashagawigamog Lake - \$449,000

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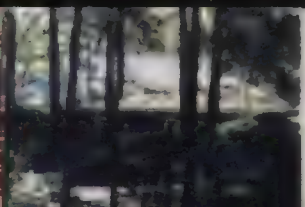


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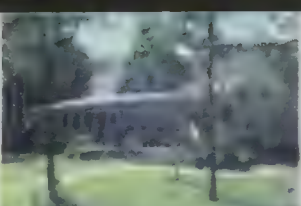


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Cottage or waterfront home situated 10 min from Haliburton Village on gently sloping lot with 120' on the lake. 3 bdrms, 2 baths, a fantastic bright sunken living rm w/ loads of windows overlooking the lake & cathedral ceiling. Bright open concept kitchen, dining room w/ wood floors, finished rec room with walkout, laundry and a workout room or office area. New carpets and newly painted adds a modern upgraded touch! Two car detached garage. Shallow entry waterfront. Call today for an appointment to view.



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Big Straggle Lake - \$449,000

Beautiful, Executive style 3 bedroom air conditioned, 2 bathroom home on the water with many extras done to upgrade this spectacular place. Fully winterized, new maintenance free tempered hardwood siding. All walls, previous log and insulated over log before new siding attached, great view of the lake, den & sunroom. Energy star rated Thermal windows with D-Rate for arctic. Heated double car garage with full size workshop on second floor, carport abutting side of garage. Considering these top of the line features, this home represents exceptional value. Animal & smoke free environment. This is a must see



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Car Sharing and Transportation Investigated by U-Links

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

**“Car sharing could be a feasible project in Haliburton County”
(Stacy Kirkbride)**

Transportation has been a lingering issue in Haliburton County for a number of years now and studies show that, coupled with the rural landscape, no public transit system and high poverty levels, the lack of affordable transportation results in increasing isolation and fewer job opportunities.

A current intern at U-Links, centre for community based research in Haliburton County, Stacy Kirkbride hopes her research into car sharing will brighten the horizon for those facing transportation issues and alleviate the daily struggles that exist from it.

After studying eco-tourism at Fleming College in Haliburton, Kirkbride went on to clinch an internship with U-Links, created for research projects that still needed to be completed.

Kirkbride decided to pursue researching car sharing because, “it combines lots of issues, environmental as well as economical. There’s often a cultural status to owning a vehicle and in rural areas people have to drive further because of the increased distances.”

Kirkbride undertook a literature review of previous car sharing programs in communities similar to Haliburton as well as other larger towns and cities.

The idea of car sharing comes under an umbrella of different forms; a handful of people could own a car together or it could expand to a private, for profit group which could own several cars that people would rent on an hourly basis. Further an individual could volunteer their car to be shared with others for a fee. Overall the possibilities are varied and each suited to the people involved and the area they live in.

Kirkbride noted, “There are unrealistic expectations of what car sharing can and can’t do. It’s still limited to people who can drive and it’s only really suitable for those who drive less than 12,000 kilometres a year. It’s also mostly viable for people who live in villages or towns so that the car can be left in the town so everyone can use it.”

However the advantages for users who are able to car share are bountiful. “It is a relatively cost-effective transportation option to implement after the initial set-up costs. Most car shares remain self-sustaining and don’t require further subsidies to cover operations and maintenance of the program; those are generally covered by member fees.”

In most cases the idea of car sharing was used for things such as running errands rather than



driving to work, as no other user could take the car during that period. However Kirkbride said, “Instead of buying a car that will sit waiting for you for most of its life span, car sharing helps to increase efficiency. Car sharers use cars when they need them, not when it’s convenient for them. It won’t be sitting in the driveway waiting for them because it will be put to good use elsewhere.”

Some transportation programs have already been implemented in Haliburton County like that offered by Community Care Haliburton County that takes members of the public to medical appointments. Car pooling is something that has been continuing for a number of years.

Kirkbride found that other communities in Canada had expanded programs similar to that offered by Community Care to offer them to a broader client base and age range.

One possible solution the intern found for those living in isolated areas was to increase broadband internet service to those areas so they can work or be educated at home. “However it’s only a mild solution and it doesn’t solve the problem of them getting away from their houses.”

According to Kirkbride, implementing a public bus system would require an increased amount of public funding and overall the amount of users wouldn’t cover the cost of the idea.

There is one rural community that may be many miles from Haliburton, but is very similar in its geography, population and demographics which has conducted a very successful car sharing program.

Kaslo, which boasts a population of 1,000 but is close to other small villages similar to the Highlands, is situated in B.C., 600km from Calgary. They have an aging population, increased youth retention, a lack of infrastructure and inhabitants cover long distances between villages.

After establishing a partnership with a cooperative in Nelson and Vancouver, the residents managed to purchase a car which has been shared ever since. Kirkbride saw the similarities with Haliburton being close to a large city like Toronto, which already has several car sharing programs.

Kirkbride notes, “The Nelson Car share Co-Op operates in six communities in the region of the West Kootenays. In total the car share cooperative in the region has 126 members and 21 cars (as of 2009). The co-op was incorporated as a non-profit cooperative with the mission to foster environmentally responsible transportation and support social and economic community development. Their primary goal is to help support growth in active and alternative transportation options. The co-op combined their car share development with a very successful ride sharing/car pooling program offered as a free service and are now adding bike racks into their network.”

Kirkbride was left believing that, “Car sharing could be a feasible project in Haliburton if other car sharing projects near by provide background information, possible funding resources and support. It will also only work if it’s a part of other wider solutions working together.”

“From working with organisations such as Community Care, taxi ranks and active transportation groups they can help to fill the gaps and widen what they already offer. In communities where car sharing has worked they didn’t always have a large population, they just needed a community champion to lead it and motivate people towards their goal.”

Kirkbride also looked at the isolation of younger and older residents who can’t drive. “Shuttle buses are great for those who just want to leave the house to socialise or for kids to get to events or sports that they can’t attend because their rural settings further isolate them. It’s a big barrier for residents with no car and no way to get to town.”

For now the research is completed and Kirkbride is already working on her next project. The car sharing research has been placed in the hands of Terry Wright, from Environment Haliburton, who intends to open up the discussion on car sharing with the public at Fleming College on June 1st. ■

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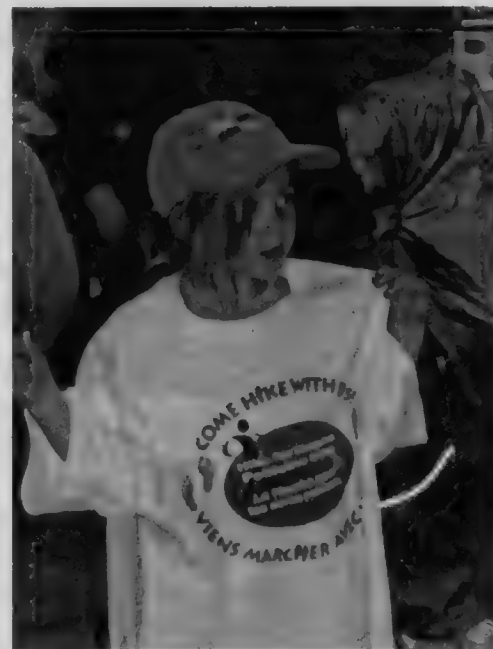
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Hikers Hike On

Thunder, lightning and heavy downpours may have washed away hikers’ aims to hike Head Lake trail for SIRCH’s Hike for Hospice last Saturday but everyone persevered with the stormy weather and instead the event was held inside. Local fitness instructor Jane Jaycock boosted the atmosphere with an aerobics workout with local musicians Gord Kidd, Ian Pay, Steve Main and Troy Main providing entertainment away from the gloomy weather.

The participants were raising funds for SIRCH’s hospice program which will go towards training hours for future hospice volunteers who provide companionship to those who are facing terminal illnesses.

MPP Rick Johnson spoke at the event and commented that, “organizations like SIRCH

can’t survive without volunteers and the community.” Johnson’s words were emphasized when those from the community who pledged support and participated in the event raised more than \$16,000 (at press time). Mark Koestra a representative from Investors Group presented a \$1,000 cheque to SIRCH earlier in the morning and afterwards participants munched on hot dogs served up by the Haliburton Lions Club.

Nancy Brink once again won the top individual for most pledges by raising \$2,730 and Friends of Clear Lake won the top team who raised \$1,415. ■

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Matt Duchene Answers the Call to Hockey World's

By Seamus O'Bradaigh

Let's see.

The year Haliburton's Matthew Duchene was born (Jan. 16, 1991), Mark Messier was slowly etching a niche for himself in New York, forsaking the beveled ambivalence of the West Edmonton Mall for the lights of Broadway.

Messier went on to date Madonna and, oh yeah, lead the Rangers to the Stanley Cup in 1993-94.

Today Mark Messier is the general manager and the man mainly responsible for shaping the fresh face of Canada's national men's hockey team and he has - presumably at the behest of Hockey Canada's sideline brass - skewed young, utilizing the likes of Steven Stamkos, Corey Perry, John Tavares, Michael Del Zotto and two other young guns and members of the Colorado Avalanche, defenceman Kyle Comiskey and center Matt Duchene.

This will be one of the youngest squads Canada has ever fielded for an IIHF World Hockey Championship, which gets under way (live on TSN) this weekend and runs from May 7-23 in Cologne and Mannheim, Germany.

Messier and the management staff, comprised of Scott Salmond, Hockey Canada's director of men's national teams, Doug Risebrough, Michel Goulet and Doug Messier, have been scouting NHL teams and monitoring the playoff situation. A first group of 15 players and one alternate player was named on April 16.

The team is coached by Craig MacTavish another Oiler alumnus.

Duchene was picked on Saturday, May 1 (along with Colorado teammate Comiskey) joining six others who were added after the first round of the NHL playoffs.

No surprise here.

Duchene has been affiliated closely with Hockey Canada's development program for the last six years.

He led all rookies in scoring this season (with 24 goals and 31 assists) and is in the running - along with Detroit Red Wings goaltender Jimmy Howard and Buffalo Sabres defenceman Tyler Myers - for NHL Rookie of the Year honors.

That announcement will be made June 23rd in Las Vegas at the NHL awards ceremonies.

This is Duchene's first time representing Canada at the World Championship.

The 19-year-old Duchene won a gold medal at the 2008 IIHF World Under-18 Championship in Kazan, Russia, recording eight points (five goals and three assists) in seven games.

He also served as captain for Canada's gold-medal-winning team at the 2008 Under-18 Ivan Hlinka tournament in Piestany, Slovakia, where he totaled five points (1g/4a) in four contests.

During his rookie season, the 5-foot-11, 200-pound center played in 81 games became only the second player in Avalanche history to win the rookie scoring title (Milan Hejduk, 1988-89). He shared the rookie goal-scoring lead with now Team Canada teammate John Tavares and placed second in assists.

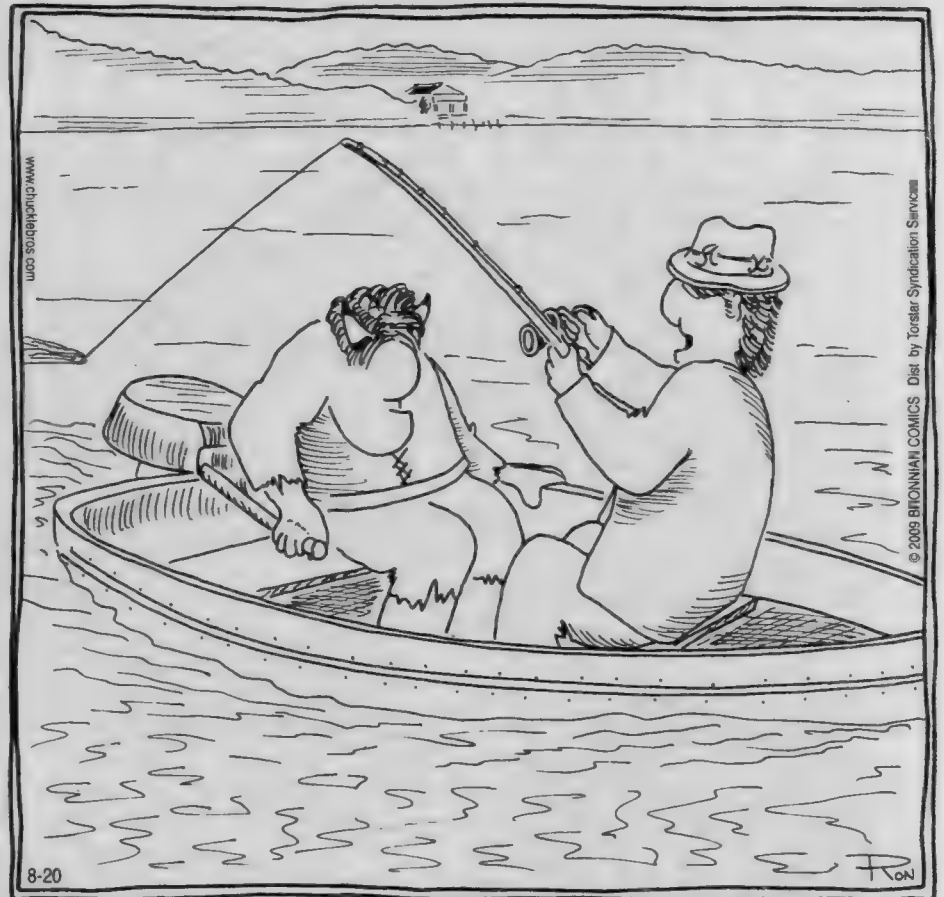
Duchene scored three assists in the six game playoff series loss to San Jose Sharks.

Team Canada will be partaking in some pre tournament exhibitions before getting down to serious business on Saturday, May 8th versus Italy in their first IIHF World Championship tournament game.

That game will be televised at 10 AM on Saturday morning.

Canada's next game versus Latvia is slated for Monday, May 10 at 2 PM on TSN.

Go to TSN.ca for the full schedule. ■



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Sports Briefs (courtesy of Judi Paul's Class)

Tuesday Announcements

Congratulations to the boys' rugby team for their huge win over Crestwood by a 25-5 score.

Wednesday Announcements

The senior girls' soccer team opened their season with an excellent effort but were defeated 2-0 by the team from Brock. The junior girls' soccer team dominated in their opening game against Brock, but were unable to put the ball in the net and fell to a 1-0 loss.

The senior Red Hawk badminton team had 4 players participating at the COSSA championship. Our girls' team of Megan Macduff and Kelsey Crowe represented our school well. Our boys' team of Jesse Schmidt and Drew Paul fought hard and ended the day with a 3rd place finish.

Thursday Announcements

The senior girls' soccer team played Fenelon Falls to a 2-2 tie. Goals by Lindsey Pogue and Jenna Dibblee and excellent effort between the posts by Jenny Woolacott.

The junior girls' soccer team defeated Fenelon Falls by a 1-0 score. Scoring the goal for Haliburton was Jessica Duchene on a beautiful cross from Chrissy Shaw. Earning the shutout for Haliburton was Megan Allore.

Friday Announcements

The junior Red Hawk badminton team took 12 players to compete in a very competitive field at the COSSA championship at I.E. Weldon. The top four finishers were Sam Tallman and Grace Diezel - 4th place girls' doubles Darcy Schmidt and Bin Chun - 4th place boys' doubles Andrew Murray and Brett Yake - Gold Medal COSSA champions. ■

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Businesses Face Off in Bowling Finale

Second Season of Expanding Corporate/Social League Full of Action

By Mark Arike and Andy Lennox

After months of preparation and polishing up on their skills, those in the local business community squared off for some fast-paced bowling action at The Fast Lane last Wednesday.

The cheers and excitement filled the air of Minden's only bowling alley, as eight teams in the second annual corporate/social league took turns battling it out for bowling supremacy.

It might have been a difficult night to concentrate on for some — as The Fast Lane's screens were tuned in to an outrageous game seven between the Montreal Canadiens and the Washington Capitals; but overall, the intensity brought to the wood floor seemed to be comparable to that of the professionals on ice.

Players from Bluewave Energy, Haliburton Foodland (team 2), PharmaSave and Kawartha Dairy competed for the "B" championship, and after a very close six-game round robin series, Blue Wave Energy and PharmaSave tied for first place with sterling records of four wins and two losses. "Total pins scored" determined the tiebreaker and on that basis Bluewave Energy was crowned as the "B" champion team.

Meanwhile, Minden Home Hardware, Haliburton Foodland (team 1), Haliburton Health Services and Todd's Independent battled for the "A" Championship. Every game was a nail-biter: the championship came down to the final game where the 5-0 Minden Home Hardware squad met the 4-1 Haliburton Foodland (1) team.

After keeping their noses to the grindstone, Haliburton Foodland (1) eaked out the victory, tying both teams with 5-1 records. However, once again, it all came down to the "total pins scored" tiebreaker. Minden Home Hardware prevailed and took the "A" championship.

It was a fun and exciting night that featured copious beverages and rounds of complimentary, piping hot homemade pizza slices and vegetable trays. (It is important that athletes stay nourished and well hydrated.)

The Fast Lane's Social/Corporate League is all about staff camaraderie, meeting people from other local businesses, staying active and having fun. Valerie and Andy Lennox, owners of The Fast Lane, would like to thank all the participating team members and the team sponsors for their support and participation and for making this season as fun as it was.

Be on the lookout for next season. ■



On The Trails- from the Haliburton All Terrain Vehicle Association.

Submitted by HATVA

Haliburton All Terrain Vehicle Association is a locally based, volunteer driven, not for profit organization with a membership of more than 800. HATVA's insurance protects our members' usage of private and public land. We maintain more than 3,000 kms of trails in the Haliburton area.

In our area, trails for ATV use are open from April 1 to November 30. The exception to this is the Haliburton Rail Trail which is open for ATV use from June 1 to November 30. So for eight months of the year, tourism is greatly increased by people enjoying ATVering in our area. The result of this is increased sales for local businesses, thereby decreasing taxes for residents, and increasing the economy in Haliburton. Due to the long ATV season, this also increases tourism during off-season times.

As a club we support and encourage the two main provincial ATV associations to merge, so that there is a single provincial pass for all ATVers in Ontario. This would greatly increase tourism in Haliburton.

We hold various types of rides such as photography, family, some dedicated to support charities such as local food banks and fire departments, others to improve trails, some just to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Haliburton. In any event, they all seem to get families outdoors together. We also hold an important event which is youth ATV training.

ATVering also gives us the opportunity to observe and report issues to authorities related to natural resources, such as locations where tomadoes have touched down, wildlife, flooding, etc.

Our trail wardens patrol trails to ensure safe conditions which make for good riding. And while we get to enjoy the trails, the maintenance we do on the trails and bridges also benefit other user groups, such as hikers, wildlife, skiers, cyclists, snowmobilers and others. Our funding comes from annual membership, temporary day and weekend passes, advertising on our web site and trail map advertising and map sales.

We thank the many local merchants who support our efforts and our local councils who have opened up all municipal roads for ATV use.

Remember 2up and side by sides are not legal ATV's under the Highway Traffic Act and are not allowed on Municipal and Provincial roads. ■

Haliburton ATV Charity Ride



On the left: Gordon Burk from Word of Life Outreach Clothing and Food Bank in Wilberforce shake hands with George Stewart, Vice President of the Haliburton ATV Club, over the food donation from the Haliburton ATV Club charity ride.

The heavy rain showers on the weekend didn't put a damper on the Haliburton ATV's efforts to travel 85kms to raise money for the Word of Life Outreach Clothing and Food Bank in Wilberforce last Saturday.

Instead the rain brought relief as the dust and bugs were driven away and of course we all know that ATVers like to get dirty.

The Haliburton ATV club managed to raise \$150 along with donated bags of food with 21 riders who participated. ■

Zoe Cittern

Staff Reporter

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Montreal Pianist Lucille Chung is note perfect in Haliburton

Lucille Chung in Concert

Presented by the Haliburton Concert Series

Northern Lights Pavilion of the Performing Arts (May 1, 2010)

By Seamus O'Bradaigh

Remember what you were doing at age 10?

I remember I was placing hockey cards in the spokes of my bike so it would make a sound like a motorcycle.

When Montreal born pianist Lucille Chung turned 10 she was already making her concert debut with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra (MSO).

Five years later, MSO artistic director Charles Dutoit invited her to be a featured soloist during the Montreal Symphony's 1989 Asian Tour.

Lucille graduated from both the Curtis Institute of Music and the Juilliard School before she turned twenty. In addition to her musical achievements, she speaks fluent French, English, Korean, Italian, German, and Russian.

Last Saturday evening the stunning young Canadian pianist offered Haliburton a shimmering and sublime glimpse into her world; a world where Robert Schumann, Frederic Chopin, Francois Morel and Camille Saint-Saëns mix, mingle and mince in the air, floating ethereally above the Northern Lights Pavilion stage where Chung and a piano hold court alone in the subdued stage light.

Chung's singularly elegant performance started with Schumann's Fantasiestücke, Op. 12. The eight pieces showcased Chung's marvelous touch and sensitivity. Eyes closed, fingers dancing lightly on keys, Chung seems to immerse herself in every note, whether playing softly or roaring through Schumann's complicated, eclectic, intricate and ever-changing rhythms.

Her interpretation of Chopin's Nocturne Op. 27 and several waltzes were impeccable and she closed out the first act - quite fittingly - with an homage to Montreal composer Francois Morel and his Etude de sonarite.

Of course that was just a warm up to the main course and the second act which featured an absolutely stunning romp with Camille Saint-Saëns' Concerto no. 2 in G minor.

Saint-Saëns, like Chung, was surrounded by music from a very young age.

Her pure delight while playing Saint-Saëns - as transcribed for solo piano by Georges Bizet - was

surely felt by the full house gathered for the evening at the Northern Lights in Haliburton.

She is, in a word, delightful to watch and even more amazing if one closed one's eyes to listen, as Chung does so often during her performance.

The crowd at Northern Lights was absolutely enthralled by Chung's obvious love of the music and her powerful performance.

The Saint-Saëns set featured some delightful pieces including Andante sostenuto, Allegro scherzando and Presto.

According to the short introduction at the beginning of the concert, this opportunity to bring Chung's prepossessing prowess to Haliburton was a full three years in the making.

Everyone in the house agreed that it was well worth the wait.

Kudos to the members of the Haliburton Concert Series (HCS) for hanging in there and pursuing this remarkably talented young artist.

She's a very busy young woman.

Chung has performed an extensive concerto repertoire with over 50 leading orchestras such as the Philadelphia Orchestra, Moscow Virtuosi, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Flemish Radio Orchestra, Orquesta Sinfónica de Tenerife, Staatskapelle Weimar, Philharmonie de Lorraine, Orchestra Sinfonica Siciliana, Belgrade Philharmonic, the Seoul Philharmonic, KBS Orchestra, Fort Worth Symphony, UNAM Philharmonic (Mexico), Israel Chamber Orchestra as well as all the major Canadian orchestras, including Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, National Arts Centre, Calgary, Winnipeg and Metropolitan, among others. She has appeared with conductors such as Krzysztof Penderecki, Vladimir Spivakov, Gerd Albrecht, Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Peter Oundjian and Dutoit.

Chung is married to Italian pianist Alessio Bax. They make their home in New York City and are artistic co-directors of the Dallas-based Joaquín Achúcarro Foundation.

And lest you get the wrong idea, it's nice to know that despite her achievements, awards and the worldwide acclaim, Chung is no diva. She is stunning, yes, but looked at home in her gown, sharing thoughts and banter with the cottage country crowd.

Immediately following her reprise and encore she followed the Northern Lights patrons out of the theater and into the hallway for the after concert meet and greet.

She chats and answers every question with a smile and a hug interspersed with some de rigueur questions.

You see, Chung is diminutive. She's only 5 feet tall with deceptively tiny hands, a fact belied by those deep rumbling chords and long mellifluous runs.

"How do you remember it all?" asks one young Haliburton fan shortly after the performance. "And what do you do if you forget where you are?"

Chung stops to ponder for just a moment.

"Keep playing ... of course," laughs Chung.

She's answered many of these questions before.

She was once asked in a trade magazine (The Pianist) if having small hands makes it more difficult to master the more challenging pieces.

"It works to my advantage 99 per cent of the time," says Chung. "I think because I'm quite powerful. So people are doubly surprised because they don't expect it. They even say, 'you look so tall on stage.'"

In the lobby Chung is awash in the afterglow of the concert, chatting amicably with the patrons who feel a need to reach out and hug her.

She once said that starting so young allowed her to grow comfortably into this life.

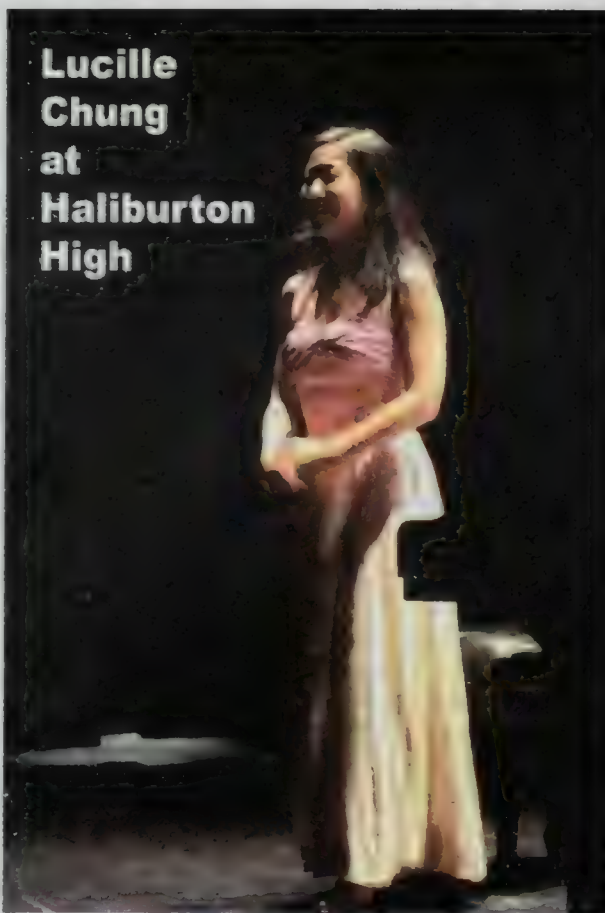
"Well I had to leave home at 14 to study at the Curtis Institute," says Chung. "I then went on to Juilliard where I got my master's degree while still in my teens. I did everything quite young and everything alone. It made me much stronger and independent and also quite responsible."

A pretty nice summation of a lovely night of music in Haliburton.

Lucille Chung: powerful and strong ... alone on a stage.

Read more about Lucille Chung at lucillechung.com.

For more info about the Haliburton Concert Series contact Elaine Bell at 457-9422. ■



Lucille Chung at Haliburton High



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Students Fast for a Cause

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

Around 55 students from Haliburton High School participated in a 30 hour famine last Friday coordinated by Pastor David Bretzlaff from Lakeside Baptist Church to raise money for World Vision.

World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

The kids began fasting last Thursday afternoon and broke their 30 hour famine at 10pm on Friday night with a spaghetti supper. Six hours before they would eat again they conducted a food drive around Haliburton Village to collect non-perishable food for the 4C's Food Bank in Haliburton. Although the money raised from the famine will benefit those in developing countries the idea for the students to conduct a food drive in their own village drove home the message that poverty is closer than they think. Haliburton County is the poorest County in Ontario.

Three grade nine students, McKenzie Hill, Kirsty Cook and Mikaela Gordon said they could "barely do it for a day and this is nothing compared to what children in developing countries have to go through." After being encouraged by friends the girls decided to take part in the famine.

The students conducted several activities at the High School including a talent show, a children's fun fair for students from Stuart Baker along with showing of the movie, The Blind Side. At time of going to press over \$2,000 was raised from the pledges. Bretzlaff noted that the students, "Did such a good job, some of the students shared their overseas experiences too and it was really neat to see that these kids understand the issues." ■



Garlic, Garlic and More Garlic

Approximately 100 residents of Haliburton County visited the annual Garlic workshop hosted by the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association recently at the Memorial Centre in Minden. Residents learnt about the common vegetable and the many uses that it holds.

Chef extraordinaire Gail Grainger and Deb Barnhart conducted a humorous cooking demonstration showing the audience how to create a garlic scape pesto along with the history of the bulb and how for years it has made itself a name in Haliburton County.

Paul Pospisil, renowned garlic grower and managing editor of the Garlic News gave an informative talk afterwards on how to grow garlic from bulbils.

Later guests were invited to sample garlic inspired dips including roasted carrot with garlic and garlic guacamole. The dips were delicious and I left knowing that my knowledge of garlic had grown 100 percent, that there was more to garlic than just supermarket bought garlic bread and wondrously it all came without even a hint of that famous smell. ■

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter



Deb Barnhart and Gail Grainger showed the audience at the Garlic workshop how to make garlic scape pesto.

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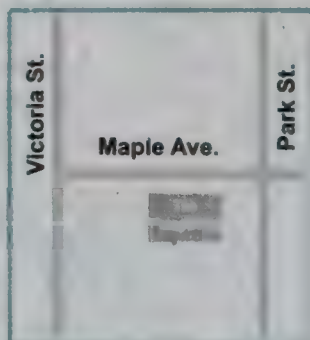
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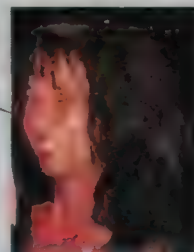
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Ontario's Waterways: Caution – Cold Water

(ORILLIA, ON) – A mild spring has opened up Ontario's waterways and many are eager to get their boating season started. Tragically, in the past week, two fatal boating incidents have been investigated by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

The OPP is cautioning boaters and those working near water that, while air temperatures are warm, water temperatures remain very cold. Cold water immersion is a significant risk that should not be taken lightly. Hypothermia is a serious condition that can be prevented with proper preparation before heading out.

Wear a lifejacket. You will not have the time or the ability to effectively put on safety equipment in a sudden and unexpected man-overboard situation.

Boaters are advised to wear clothing and equipment that protects them against the effects of cold exposure.

Ensure your boat is equipped with the required safety equipment.

Check water and weather conditions before heading out and be vigilant to changes in conditions.

Tell others of your plans and your anticipated return.

Don't take unnecessary risks with your life or the lives of your passengers. To learn more about cold water immersion visit www.coldwaterbootcamp.com.

Super Crossword

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

ACROSS

- 1 Sarah — Jewett
5 Melville monomaniac subject
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14 Mecca men
19 "The Seventh —" ('56 film)
20 Fount
21 — acid
22 Craze
23 WORK IS FIRST PRIORITY
25 DELEGATES WELL
27 Plant pest
28 Pianist Lupu
30 Anderson's "High —"
31 "I told you so!"
32 Alaskan port
34 Wine valley
38 "Blue —" ('63 hit)
41 NEEDS LITTLE DIRECTION
46 Opposite of aweather
47 London lavatory
48 Anglo-Saxon laborer
49 Jabber away
51 Catherine of "7th Heaven"

55 Most

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58 Produces a cryptogram
60 Islamic deity
61 Swiss sharpshooter
62 —War (racehorse)
63 Crossworder's need
66 Tempest — teapot
67 Bull or boar
69 Author Umberto
71 "— Nidre"
72 Once again
73 GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS
78 Oktoberfest offering
80 Past
81 Cologne cry
82 Snaky swimmers
83 Blunder
84 Ritter or Houston
87 Olympic hawk
89 Kansas city
92 Colorado or Connecticut
94 Dickens character
96 Dennis, for one
98 Barnyard birds
99 Burn a bit
100 Actress Virna

102 Advanced

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103 Tolstoy's "— Karenina"
105 HAS LEADER-SHIP QUALITIES
109 Pull on a rope
111 Tend the sauce
112 Actress Perlman
113 "— the season . . ."
114 — glance
116 Singer Laine
119 Fester or Sam
123 CAREER-MINDED
129 AGGRESSIVE
131 Shakespearean sprite
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133 Mythical vessel
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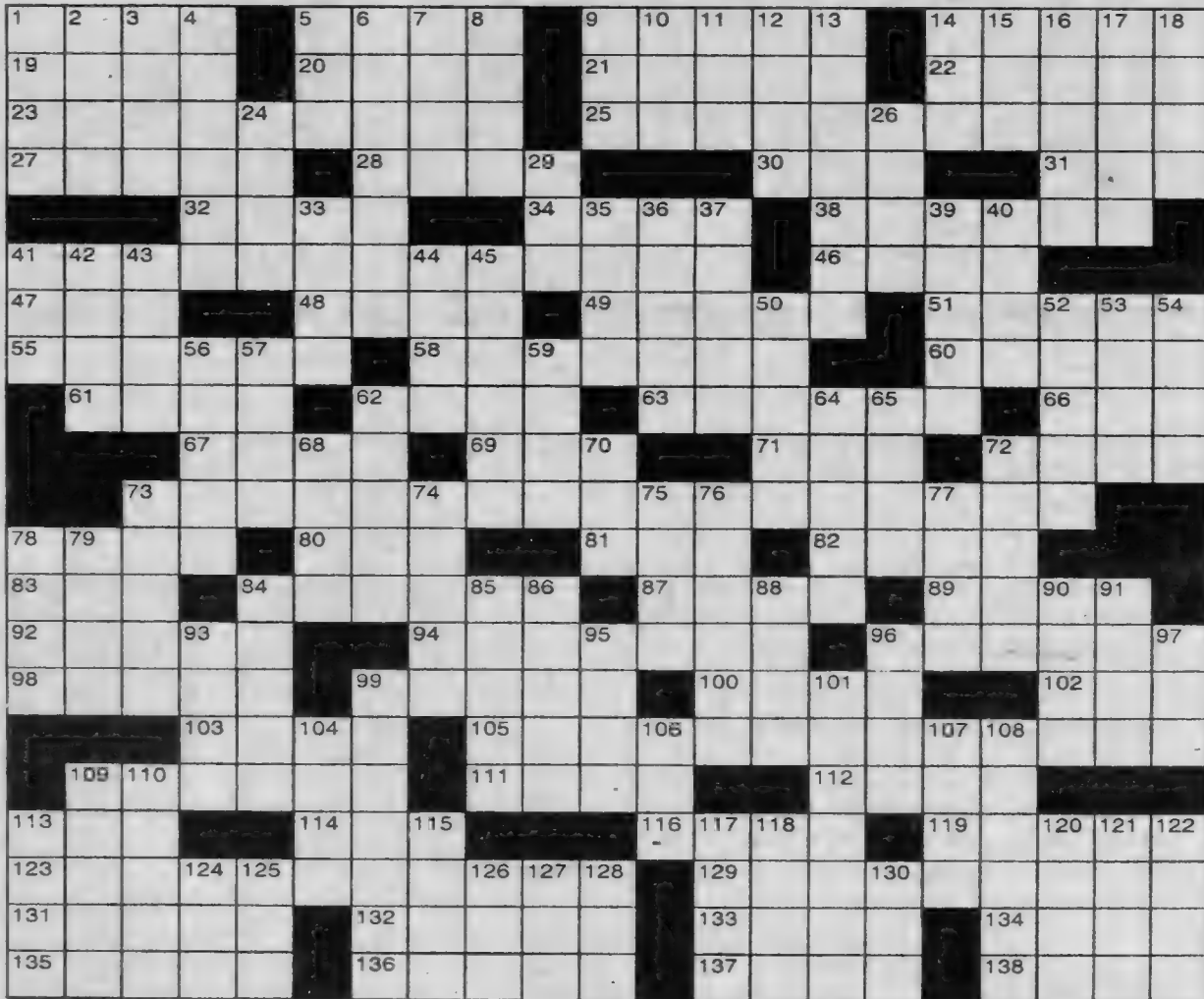
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16 Aromatic plant
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39 "The Merry Widow" composer
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43 A bit of Bach
44 Draft status
45 Cheese-maker's need

50 Honshu

- metropolis
52 Hold fast
53 Lucci role
54 Clarinetist
56 Playwright Rice
57 Eastern European
59 Actor James
62 Highway sign
64 Does some cobbling
65 Actress Sommer
68 Rachel's sister
70 —Locke, FL
72 Williams of "Happy Days"
73 Novocaine target
74 Maestro Georg
75 "Beat it!"
76 Rollercoaster feeling
77 Tennis pro Nastase
78 "Wozzeck" composer
79 "Clinton's Ditch" composer
84 Senator Lott
85 Some skirts
86 Trepidation
88 Runner Zatopek
90 Composer Schifrin
91 Bill of Rights grp.

93 Son of

- Isaac
95 He's abominable
96 Ho Chi —
97 "Kookie" Byrnes
99 Southwestern capital
101 Lamour's wardrobe
104 Tidy
106 Parenthesis shape
107 Pas de —
108 Poet Sidney
109 Pageant prop
110 Computer acronym
113 It'll give you a lift
115 "— -Ca-Dabra" ('74 song)
117 Bank offering
118 Spanish river
120 Crooner Perry
121 San — Obispo, CA
122 Ferrara first family
124 Berry or Olin
125 Crafty
126 Impact sound
127 First name in comedy
128 Stimpy's pal
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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

HUSBAND'S E-MAIL FLIRT LACKS STAMP OF APPROVAL

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband, "Ted," for many years. He is a people person with close friends of both sexes. I have never had a problem with his having female friends because I trust him, and because these women are my friends, too.

Recently, however, a woman I'll call "Ellie" has become infatuated with my husband. At least I think she has, and I need an unbiased perspective. Ted has a separate e-mail account and he has shown me some of her messages. She calls him "Dearest" and says things like, "You are amazing; you are inspirational; you are my special friend; and you rascal, you." He either doesn't reply or is very careful how he does.

Abby, I sense that Ellie is trying to establish a separate relationship with Ted. He and I have discussed it. He thinks it's funny and we have joked about it, but we're both becoming uncomfortable around her.

We have mutual friends we see once a month for dinner. We'd have to explain to them why we want to cut off contact with Ellie. They may understand because Ellie's flirting has been escalating at these dinners. Am I being paranoid? — WONDERING IN WASHINGTON

DEAR WONDERING: If you and Ted have both become uncomfortable because of Ellie's advances, you're not paranoid. Yes, you can withdraw from the dinners so you have less exposure to Ellie. But there is another way to handle it. Your husband can inform the woman that her attentions are making him uncomfortable and, if she wants to communicate via e-mail, she do it using your joint account — and block her from his private one.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Gerald," and I have been married since the '70s, and in all that time we have never taken a trip or shared a vacation by ourselves. He makes the plans (even asking me where I'd like to go), but we always end up visiting one of his relatives or friends instead. And I end up doing the same things there I do at home — cooking meals, cleaning, doing dishes and laundry — while Gerald sits and enjoys himself.

The last time I mentioned that we have never been anywhere by ourselves, he seemed to really consider it. The next day he said, "OK, let's take a cruise." Then he said, "I'll call my brother and see if he and his wife want to come with us!"

Am I wrong in feeling upset that my husband doesn't care enough to go anywhere with just me or to a place that I want to visit? — NEEDS A VACATION

DEAR NEEDS: Not in my book. It appears that your husband doesn't consider one-on-one time with you to be special, and that IS upsetting. When he suggested inviting his brother and sister-in-law along on the cruise, I hope you responded with a resounding "No!" But if you didn't, I'm recommending that for your next vacation, YOU make the reservations and plan the destination. After 40 years, you deserve a holiday you can enjoy.

DEAR ABBY: I have a short question I need an answer to. How do we know when it's time to end a relationship and move on? — KIKI IN TEXAS

DEAR KIKI: The short answer is when it brings you more pain than pleasure. The longer answer is, when you make a list of the pros and cons in the relationship, and the cons outnumber the pros.

Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the warm heart of a Taurean and the sensitivity of a Gemini. You would make a wonderful leader. So go ahead: Run for office.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be a bit shaken by a friend's request. But before the Lamb leaps to conclusions, insist on a full explanation. You still might say no, but at least you'll know what you're saying no to.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Seeing red over those nasty remarks by someone with an ax to grind? Of course you are. So get out there and give your supporters the facts they need to get the truth out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A changing situation should get you to reassess your vacation plans and make any adjustments as soon as possible. And don't fret — the change most likely will turn out for the better.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't put off dealing with any negative feelings that might be left over from a recent confrontation. The sooner all is resolved, the sooner you can move forward with fewer complications.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas might feel the urge to redecorate their dens, and that can turn into a good opportunity to strengthen family ties by putting the whole pride to work to make it happen.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Look for the most efficient way to get a job done quickly and well. Taking more time than you need to make it look more challenging is a short-sighted move you might regret later on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Travel remains strong in your aspect. And this time, it could involve someone traveling a great distance to come to see you. Meanwhile, an important matter suddenly could need your attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A workplace situation becomes a lot more bothersome than you'd expected. Be careful not to be pulled into all that anger. Look for support among others who also want to avoid trouble.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Cheer up, lonely lovers, wherever you are. Just when you thought you'd been deleted from Cupid's database, the chubby cherub proves that's just not so. Congratulations.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A casual relationship could take a more serious turn. Are you ready for it? Your stars say you are. Paired Sea Goats also will find a renewed richness in their relationships.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Meeting a collaborator with new ideas seems to be a dream come true. But for both your sakes, be sure all your legal i's are dotted and t's are crossed before you start working together.

PISCES (February 19 to March 21) A romantic overture flatters the usually unflappable Fish. But since it's a sincere from-the-heart gesture, go ahead and enjoy it. A minor health problem responds well to treatment.

ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: RHYMING PAIRS
Replace the word(s) in quotations with a rhyming pair. (e.g., "OK," I'll be there at noon.
Answer: Okey-dokey.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL
1. I'll send you the original by "regular post."
Answer: _____
2. You spend too much time in front of the "television."
Answer: _____
3. For guys, "Now and Then" is just another mind-numbing "women's film."
Answer: _____
4. He's a real "zealous worker"; he'll get the job done.
Answer: _____
5. Canada suffers from "a loss of trained personnel to other countries."
Answer: _____

GRADUATE LEVEL
6. Could you move just a "bit" to the left?
Answer: _____
7. That's just "excellent." Couldn't have asked for better.
Answer: _____
8. When the "bustle and confusion" is done, when the battle is lost and won.
Answer: _____
9. The "old-fashioned person" was trying to stop young people from having fun.
Answer: _____
10. The team relies more on power and

speed than "showy plays."
Answer: _____

PH.D. LEVEL

11. People were running "quickly in all directions" to escape the flames.
Answer: _____
12. Like so many politicians, he relies on a lot of statistical "trickery."
Answer: _____
13. Don't "dawdle"; shake a leg.
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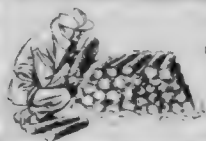
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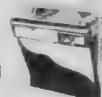
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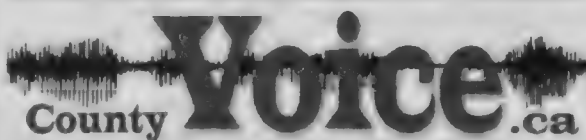
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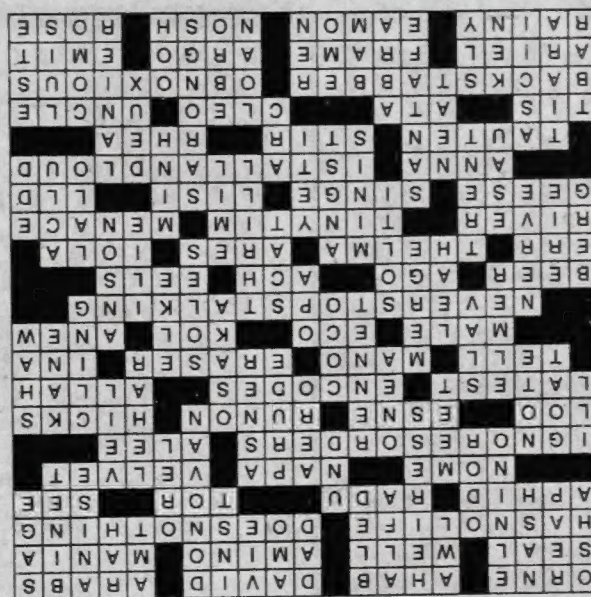
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Haliburton Highlands Community has an Opportunity to Determine its own Tourism Destiny

submitted by Sally Moore

There has been lots of recent conversation, questions and general upbeat buzz about the Tourism Town Hall meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 12 from 9:30 am to noon at the Haliburton Legion.

The first question asked by everyone is, "As a retailer, an artist, realtor or restaurant owner why should I attend the Tourism Town Hall?" The quick answer is that if you, your business, your village, township or county relies on the visitor or tourist dollar to survive, live and pay bills through the long winter months you should be attending this Tourism Town Hall Meeting. If you are among those who feel there appear to be fewer visitors to your village or your phone is ringing less then you also should attend.

It is no secret that tourism and the tourist dollars are needed to help the Haliburton Highlands prosper. Everyone from the people, businesses and politicians of this community need to be involved in this dialogue. A purpose of this meeting is to put the movers and the shakers of this community together in one room to figure out what we need to do to strengthen our Haliburton Highlands brand.

Who is running the meeting? The Tourism Town Hall has evolved from the momentum of the Executive of Haliburton Tourism (a group of area resort, B&B and lodge owners). Haliburton Tourism is hosting the meeting, the Haliburton Highlands Development Corporation is offering financial support and facilitation. The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, The Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands and the County of Haliburton Economic Development and Tourism Department are all supporting the meeting. Now we are asking for your support.

In recent months the Ontario Ministry of Tourism regional designation of the Haliburton Highlands connected us to the Region 11, an Eastern part of the province from the Ottawa River to Haliburton county. This is an opportunity for us to put our heads together as a community so that the Haliburton Highlands can become more than the western edge of Region 11.

Our goal should be to ensure that the Haliburton Highlands has a strong brand and identity. We need to continue to remind folks that we are 2.5 hours drive North of Toronto and just South of Algonquin Park.

At the Town Hall we will have a chance to hear about the province's new regional approach, the plans for the county for the upcoming year, take stock of our current economic climate, take a look at our Haliburton Highlands brand and look at ways that we as individuals, businesses, villages, townships and our County can strengthen our brand and attract more tourists.

Is your business or organization affected by the number of tourists we attract to the Haliburton Highlands? Have you put this Tourism Town Hall meeting on your busy work week schedule?

If you have any questions about whether you should attend or want to know more about how you can contribute to this meeting please do not hesitate to call or email Sally Moore, Co-President of Haliburton Tourism at 705 286 4922, or info@sunnyrock.on.ca ■

Toronto Second City Actress Teaches Hal High Students

Zoe Cittern

Staff Reporter

Stephanie Herrera, a comedienne from Second City Alumni an improv group, gave Haliburton Village a visit last week.

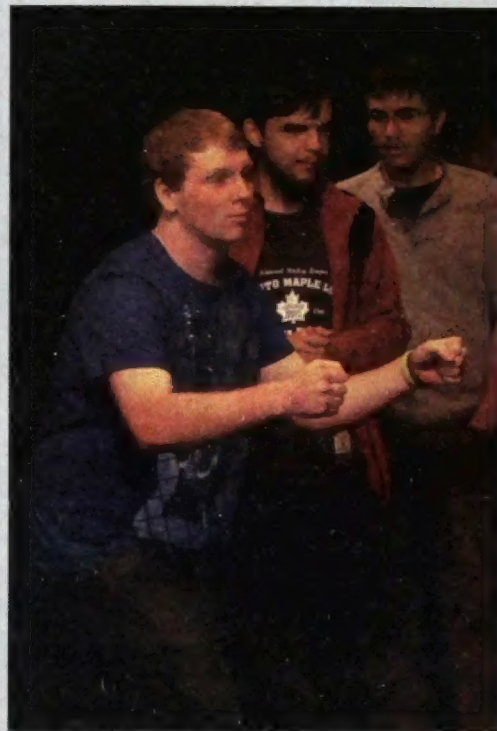
The comedienne was in town to teach Haliburton High School grade 12 drama students an improv workshop after their teacher Elke Zilla joined forces with Sean Carthew, the entertainment director at McKecks. McKecks the Blue Line provided the funding for the workshop which also meant that 10 of the students got the chance to open up for Second City Alumni last Friday night.

The actress and comedienne has an impressive resume: she hails from Toronto, teaches improvisation workshops in Durham and has founded two successful improv/sketch troupes in Toronto.

Stephanie noted that improvisation is 90 percent failure and 10 percent gold. "It's both exhilarating and frightening; you're flying by the seat of your pants." The actress told the class, "You are either funny or not funny. I can't teach you to be funny but I can give you some tips."

The class had fun with warm up exercises and were all very quick thinking and delivered witty lines although a few dodgy English accents were thrown in for good measure. Although they learnt that improvisation isn't as easy as the professionals make it look to be each of them managed to hold their own.

The 10 students who were set to perform at McKecks last Friday



Pictured above: Matt Gallagher quickly improvises as part of the improv workshop taught by Toronto based comedienne Stephanie Herrera.



From left, Caleb Zilla, Cameron Cox and Kelsey Crowe act on the spot.

night took the challenge in their stride and didn't show a hint of nervousness about the impending performance. They said that, "You are always nervous before you go on but it's going to be a lot of fun. It's really neat that the Blue Line has given us this opportunity."

It was the first time that drama students in the school had been taught by a professional actor who came to them, although they do take trips to Toronto to see live performances.

Elke Zilla said that the students are "very creative and they enjoy acting on the spot. Our final show of the year uses improvisation so the workshop with Stephanie really helped prepare them. We have only a few sets too so they really learn to use the most of what has been giving to them."

Speaking to the Voice after the students performed as the opening act for Second City Alumni Elke said how "they were really impressed with the students, they were tremendously supportive to the kids. It was a great night and we really want to thank McKecks the Blue Line and Sean Carthew for the opportunity."

On May 26th the students are showcasing a variety show to raise funds for costumes and potentially another workshop. ■

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A free day of education, featuring speakers from
the University of Freiburg, University of Toronto
and Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

RSVP to Donna Gagnon/754-0556

Free Admittance

Open House

Saturday, May 8 — 9 am to 5 pm

Wolf Centre ... tree climbing ... tour of the Forest Sawmill ...
Log Auction ... Observatory ... Siberian huskies ... horse
logging ... Pioneer Sawmill ... outdoor Land Art.

AND

Grand Opening of the new Haliburton Forest WoodShop,
located on Kennisis Lake Road opposite the Forest entrance.

SIRCH Community Services

Thank-You! SIRCH Hike for Hospice A Great Success!

100% of funds raised stay in our community

We extend a heartfelt thank-you to all who hiked, for the generous
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Greg Roe our M.C., and the many volunteers who assisted.

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Highland Lakes Community Church Movie Night

Sarah's Choice

Where: Minden Hills Community Centre
in the Anson Room

When: Thursday, May 13, 7:00 p.m.



Sarah Collins is a young woman on the rise. There's only one thing
that's going to keep her from getting there; her unborn baby.
Sarah has a choice to make that will not only change her life but
the lives of her loved ones both now and forever.

Admission: non-perishable food donation for the Minden Food Bank.
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

There will be door prizes!



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